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NOT ALL TRUE. CONFLICTING WAR NEWS. FENGTIEN'S CONFIDENCE. NANKING TO HELP SHANSI. PEKING ISSUES COMMUNIQUE.

Shansi is getting the worse in the war in North China and Fengtien has just issued a long statement laying claim to a series of major successes. Shantung troops are stated to have taken up arms on Fengtien's side while from Nanking it is gathered that the Nationalists are hoping to extend relief to Shansi, against Peking. War intelligence, however, is so confusing that all news emanating from interested sources is open to doubt.

BIG CAPTURES CLAIMED.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Ankuochun spokesman, interviewed by foreign correspondents this morning, stated that according to a plan counter-attacks were delivered on all fronts yesterday and proved successful.

The Shansi Army was thrown back in the region of Tingchow (southern sector) from which the Fengtien troops are moving to the south-west with the object of flanking off the Shansi Army while Chu Yu-pu of Shantung telephoned from Hsueh-chow-fu that Chihli and Shantung troops had occupied Shihchiachwang.

The Shansi Army is retreating westwards.

Fengtien's Tactics.
The present plans were arranged when General Chang Tsung-chang visited the capital a week ago but were delayed as General Chang Tsung-chang was unable to concentrate his forces until Sunday.

The Ankuochun, having been surprised by the Shansi attack, were forced to maintain the defensive until troop concentrations were complete.

All forces were now organized and will attack Shansi province. On the northern sector Fengtien has also been successful, taking prisoners, machine guns, heavy artillery and much ammunition. It was the intention of the Fengtien force on this front to ignore Kalgan and strike for the north-west from Suanhwa-fu to Tatung-fu.

"Christian General's" Traps.
The spokesman said that a telegram from General Chang Hsueh-liang at Paoting-fu stated that Fengtien has taken 10,000 prisoners, while among the killed are known to be one brigade commander and six regimental commanders.

The defeat of Shansi was certainly only a matter of time, the spokesman continued.

It is believed that General Yen Hsi-shan is yet another victim of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's traps, the latter failing to give his promised assistance at the critical time.

What the Tempters Promised.

It was known, the spokesman continued, that the enemy planned, in the event of Shansi's success, Yen Hsi-shan was to have an important post in a committee form of government at Peking, while Feng Yu-hsiang would occupy Taiyuan-fu, the capital of Shansi province.

Concerning Tang Seng-chi (the commander-in-chief at Wu-Han) the spokesman said that a telegram from Tang Seng-chi this morning stated that he had no intention of attacking Peking, that he was unable at present to attack Feng Yu-hsiang, and was remaining neutral in the present war.—Reuter.

Cabinet's Statement.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Peking Cabinet, officially claims the capture of Shihchiachwang, by Chihli-Shantung troops.—Reuter.

DANGER OVER.

Peking Safe, but Are Successes Exaggerated?

All immediate danger to Peking is over. Reports conflicting in many respects, but all seem to indicate that

reading through the variety of messages, it can be construed that the prospects of Shansi's advance reaching Nankow Pass (in the northern sector) 30 miles north-west of Peking, have vanished.

During the last few days, General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi seems to have concentrated on the southern sector, in a series of unfavourable actions along the Peking-Hankow Railway.

But neither do the fortunes of war appear to have gone so favourably with Fengtien as made out by the Ankuochun spokesman at Peking.

Shansi Assault Fails.

Since Monday there has been no independent intelligence about developments. Little news has trickled through to foreign observers in Peking, as communications are more or less suspended and the scenes of operations have drifted away from Peking.

Chinese cables are almost unanimous that Shansi's assault on Paoting-fu (which is about 100 miles south by west of Peking) has failed. The Shansi line has been pushed back, both by frontal attacks and by threats on the flanks, for at least 60 miles, leaving Shansi with less than 50 miles of territory gained on the southern sector since they began their advance.

A Mortal Blow.

It should be noticed that both the Peking Cabinet and the Ankuochun spokesman claim the capture of Shihchiachwang, about 200 miles from Peking, at the junction of Peking-Hankow Railway with the Shansi Railway which runs westwards to Taiyuan-fu, the capital of Shansi province.

Yen Hsi-shan's troops have come east by the Shansi railway and then struck north by the Peking-Hankow Railway. If Shihchiachwang has been captured by the allies of Fengtien, then a mortal blow will have been delivered at Shansi's line of communication.

Logical Explanation.

Although this seems to be hardly true, the Ankuochun spokesman's reference to Fengtien having to wait for concentration of all forces—while Shansi gained the initial advantage—sounds like a logical explanation.

The reason why doubt must be attached to the claim of the capture of Shihchiachwang by troops under General Chang Tsung-chang (the pro-Fengtien "governor" of Shantung) is that his divisions were at long distance from the southern sector and that he could hardly spare any appreciable number because his territory was so close to the hordes of the "Christian General".

New Tactics.

Peking description suggests that General Chang Tsung-chang has come up from the south-east and struck the Shansi's rear. This does not agree with the "pinners movement" predicted by Fengtien last week.

Fengtien troops have not had matters entirely their own way on the southern sector. Tactics on both sides have favoured moves to envelop flanks and thus turn back an opponent's main line. With this object in view, both sides have developed considerably. On at least one point, the Shansi troops (according to Chinese cables) nearly broke through but were held back at the critical moment.

COUNCIL AGENDA.

Malaria & Motor Questions Notified.

THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

Reiteration Of Warning Regarding Naval Reprisals.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will ask the following questions:—

- (1) Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by:
(a) Fixing a scale of fares, or
(b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.
- (2) Have any of the appointments, referred to in the Honourable Colonial Secretary's Budget Speech of the 1st September, for the purpose of dealing with Malaria, yet been made?

If yes, have the officers commenced their duties? Among other business before Council will be the motion for approval of the construction by the Tramway Company of a double tramway line from Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan; the moving of the first reading of a Bill to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1899; the second reading of a Bill to amend the law relating to the suppression of Piracy; and the second reading of a Bill to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

Canton And Piracy.

Among papers laid on the table was a supplement to the Sessional paper on piracy, instancing the case of the s.s. "Soliven" and giving the text of the despatch from the Governor of Hong Kong to His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton.

The despatch sets out the facts which are already well known, and asks the Consul-General to inform the Canton Government and enquire of them whether they are now prepared to accept the friendly co-operation of Hong Kong in combined operations against a gang whose depredations are even more dangerous to Chinese than foreign interests. Should the offer be refused and should the Canton Government still fail to take the necessary punitive and precautionary measures in Bias Bay, the despatch requests that the Consul-General repeat the warning that independent British punitive action will without fail be taken if the Bias Bay pirates commit any further outrage on a British ship.

CHINESE "CHOW."

SEQUEL TO TWO YEARS' OLD DINNER.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

A two years old claim in respect of the entertainment of a hundred and thirty guests at a Chinese restaurant was heard in the Summary Court this morning when Mr. D. McCallum claimed on behalf of the liquidator of the Ching Tin Hotel Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) for the balance alleged to be due from Bodiker and Co. of Hong Kong.

Mr. F. G. Vaux was for defendants. After argument as to whether it was the firm or the limited liability company (N. V. Carl Bodiker and Co., Ltd.) which had had previous dealings with the plaintiffs, it was agreed to join the two names on the writ.

Evidence was given for the plaintiffs as to the representations of a Chinese who acted as interpreter, in the presence of two Europeans, for the arranging of a dinner for a hundred and thirty guests. The two Europeans, the manager of the Restaurant stated in evidence, were represented to him by the interpreter to be connected with the "Sa Le See" (the Chinese name for Bodiker and Co.). This firm had had previous dealings with the restaurant and witness therefore arranged the dinner which took place accordingly.

Outstanding.
The bill, which amounted to \$524.91 and later been presented and a certain amount paid in account, the outstanding balance was \$224.91.

JEWRY INCENSED.

Christian Missionaries In Shanghai.

SYNAGOGUE INVADED.

Leaflets in Yiddish Distributed Announcing Christ's Coming.

Shanghai, Saturday.
Shanghai Jewry are greatly incensed at the action of a group of Christian missionaries, believed to be Americans, who invaded the Beth Aaron synagogue, Museum Road, on Thursday, which was the Jewish Day of Atonement, and started evangelical work by distributing leaflets in Yiddish propagating Christianity and the Coming of Christ.

Three parties of missionaries visited the synagogue during the day, while the congregation were

PIRACY.

"Shing On" Captured Near Kwang Lee.

News was received in the Colony as the "China Mail" was going to press that the s.s. "Shing On" flying the Chinese flag and captained by a Chinese skipper (Capt. Tsan Kai) has been captured near Kwang Lee, between here and Wuchow.

Fifty of the passengers were taken captive by the pirates, who intend to hold them to ransom, and two-thirds of the cargo removed from the ship. The pirates embarked as passengers at Wuchow.

News was brought to Hong Kong by the s.s. "Kochow" this afternoon.

celebrating the Day of Atonement which is the most important Jewish religious event in the whole year.

Early in the morning, it is reported, one missionary arrived together with a Chinese lady, the latter occupying a seat in the ladies' gallery and after a brief stay distributed leaflets. Later, another party of missionaries called and acted in a similar manner when they were politely requested to leave the building. When the third party arrived, however, considerable resentment was shown on the part of the congregation especially the younger generation who were considerably incensed by the invasion of these parties of propagandists, more especially on this particular day.

Community Disturbed.

It is believed that the missionaries are Americans according to information from one who conversed with them. The whole Jewish community have taken this matter very seriously for the reason that this method of propagating Christianity within the sacred precincts of the synagogue when they were gathered in worship, is believed to be an unprecedented insult and which could not be possibly permitted in any other civilised community.

It is strongly felt that such action on the part of these missionaries calls for the most serious condemnation, and it is believed that such action on their part is likely to raise antagonism against Christianity as such. Methods of propaganda are employed. Such cold-blooded indifference if ever again repeated might lead to very serious consequences, it is averred.—S.T.

Letters which had passed between the parties were referred to and in one it was stated that the defendants had left the arrangement of the dinner to their comrades and agreed to refund half the costs to the complainants.

It was held for plaintiffs, however, that the contract for the dinner had been a direct one between the plaintiffs and the defendants.

After evidence had been given for the plaintiffs and the manager of the Restaurant had stated that he only understood that the two Europeans were from the firm in question, all the information being given by the Chinese who acted as interpreter, the Hon. Mr. Justice F. J. G. Vaux found for the plaintiffs and ordered them to recover their costs, including the expenses of the dinner, from the defendants.

"RED" DEBACLE.

Communists Fleeing From Swatow.

OVERRUN STEAMER.

Local Arrivals To Be Deported To Canton.

Swatow, Yesterday.
An armed guard from H.M.S. "Wild Swan" had to board the China Navigation Co.'s (B. & S.) s.s. "Newchwang" in harbour this afternoon.

About two or three hundred Communist soldiers over-ran the merchant vessel. These had been disarmed and disbanded by pro-Canton troops and were endeavouring to secure a passage on the ship which was bound for Shanghai.

The "Newchwang" was loading at Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's pontoon. The Naval guard cleared the "Red" soldiers before she sailed.

Except for this incident there has been no other development of consequence.—British Naval Wireless.

116 Rounded Up.

Altogether 116 Chinese "Red" soldiers from Swatow have been rounded up by the local police in Shaukiwan. Of this number, only one man was armed, a revolver being found on him when he was searched at the Shaukiwan Police Station.

Apparently the men arrived in Hong Kong in more than one junk. The first intimation the police had of this peaceful invasion was the presence of a large number of strangers in and around Shaukiwan. Their un-descript appearance and the non-descript manner in which they were clad led to the Shaukiwan police taking notice, and a number of the strangers were rounded up in small batches and taken to the police station for interrogation.

This led to the discovery that the men were not pirates as was at first suspected, but fugitive soldiers.

Police Watchful.

From statements made by some of the men, a watch was kept in the Shaukiwan harbour, which together with Shaukiwan and districts were systematically combed out, with the result that 116 men were taken into custody. The last two to be brought in were rounded up by the police late last night. It is not believed that there are any more at large in the Colony, but police watch is still being kept.

It is understood that the men will not be proceeded against, but will be deported to Canton as undesirable.

HARBOUR FATALITY.

OVERLOADED FLOUR JUNK CAPSIZES.

SEVEN RESCUED—TWO DEAD.

The capsizing of a large junk in the harbour and the rescue of some of the occupants was witnessed off the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's Canton wharf at 11 a.m. this morning.

The junk was apparently very heavily laden, there being some 1,000 bags of flour aboard, and a sudden gust of wind, combined with a rather heavy sea, proved too much for the craft which heeled over and eventually capsized. There were on board at the time, the mistress of the junk and eight others, all of whom were thrown into the water.

Seven of the occupants managed to cling to the upturned junk and a harbour office launch and a launch from a "Maru" boat, which were quickly on the scene, effected their rescue without difficulty.

The mistress of the junk, however, and a small boy, were pinned beneath the wreckage of the junk.

Eventually the woman was pulled from amongst the wreckage by Mr. Rocha, Junk Inspector. She was taken into the Harbour Office where life was found to be extinct. The small boy is missing and is presumed to have been drowned.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S RETURN.

Mr. Henry Gwynne Gollan, Chief Justice of Hong Kong, is due to arrive back in the Colony from Home leave by the s.s. "Macdonald" tomorrow.

THE PRELUDE? OUTBREAK AT CANTON. ARBITRARY IRONSIDES. LI CHAI-SUM'S POSITION. HONAM BATTALION DISARMED.

Troop disarmament—usually the prelude to serious trouble—has again occurred in Canton city, firing breaking out, as a sequel, in the eastern suburb yesterday. Curiously, the unit dealt with belongs to General Li Fook-lum of Honam, it being accused of refusing to obey orders. General Chang Fah-hui's "Ironsides" who are Cantonese troops returned from the front, having undertaken the duty, have restored order.

FIRING NEAR CITY.

That part of the eastern suburb of Canton near the bund was thrown into confusion on Monday afternoon when firing broke out on Tai-sha-tau, the island or sandbank near the terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway station. Several hundred Ironsides marched to Tai-sha-tau to deal with a battalion in the 46th brigade, which is part of the 16th division.

Suspensions have existed as to the attitude of the Colonel in command of the battalion. Word had reached Canton's military authorities that he was stirring up discontent in the whole brigade.

Told to Move Out.

Accordingly, orders were issued that the battalion was to march on Monday—which happened to be China's National Day—from quarters along the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) to the island where the details were to be re-embodied in other units. The Ironsides took charge. Orders to lay down their arms were not obeyed by the men of the battalion. Fire was opened, a fight ensued, but the Ironsides prevailed and order was restored.

Who They Are.

The 16th division is commanded by General Li Fook-lum (5th Nationalist Army) who rules Honam Island, opposite to Canton city from across the River. His 46th brigade had been on duty outside the east suburb for some time, away from his headquarters in Honam.

The Ironsides are, in the majority, Cantonese troops who were formerly under General Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief at Canton. When General Chang Kai-shek embarked on his Northern Expedition, Li Chai-sum detailed two divisions (out of his three) to fight for the Nationalist cause. Men of those two divisions recently returned to Canton from the front, with the name of "Ironsides."

Arbitrary Action.

On the Ironsides' return, Li Chai-sum handed over several important portfolios to their highest officers who, it will be realised, have always been his subordinates. The assignment of these posts led to rumours that General Chang Fah-hui, the leader of the Ironsides, was bent on expelling his superior from Canton.

Admittedly, the Ironsides acted arbitrarily on Monday. But their highest officers are members of Canton's war council and the men taking part in the disarmament can claim bona fide authority.

Not a Challenge.

The Ironsides' coup cannot, therefore, be construed as a direct challenge to Li Chai-sum's power.

Uneasiness prevails in Honam, the stronghold of General Li Fook-lum. Li Fook-lum is the "Yen Hsi-shan of Canton." He has held Honam during changes of all sorts in recent years, and, best of all, has had to supply very few drafts for Yangtze war service, as his men are known to be the least reliable of any Nationalist command in Canton.

Vigilance in Honam.

Vigilance has been maintained in Honam since Monday afternoon. General Li Fook-lum is said to have retired from the metropolitan area, into the country, and will return to Canton for military law proceedings.

kept and military pickets are searching all suspicious points and ferry wharves.

In Canton, General Li Chai-sum is superior to both General Chang Fah-hui of the Ironsides and General Li Fook-lum of the 5th Army. His position is unique. His military strength is admittedly weaker than that of the Ironsides. Still, it is difficult to prelude to his downfall. The Ironsides may have been acting with his concurrence, if not his blessing.

Up Against Odds.

There is another source of uneasiness about Li Chai-sum. His ally, General Wong Shu-hung, the governor of Kwangsi province, has arrived in Canton from Swatow, having successfully led the relief expedition against the Communist invaders.

Wong Shu-hung announces that, for the present, he will fight no more battles for Canton, as his trusted warriors need a rest. He has decided to march back into Kwangsi.

This news has led to the impression, in some quarters, that Wong Shu-hung realises the odds Li Chai-sum is up against in the Ironsides and therefore prefers to keep out and remain neutral.

Will They Meet?

Fears are entertained as to the possibility of friction between Wong Shu-hung's troops, should they return by way of Canton, and the Ironsides.

The Kwangsi units at and near Swatow are going home overland. A brigade of Ironsides has been sent for garrison duty on the East River. The two may meet there and trouble may ensue or may not. Breakers are ahead of General Li Chai-sum but so far, it cannot be said that he has steered into any appreciable currents yet.

COOLIES' BRAWL.

Trouble on British Wharves at Canton.

Canton, Yesterday.
Chinese coolies employed at the wharves of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and the Asiatic Petroleum Co., who belong to one labour union, have been fighting with members of other labour unions, following a dispute the nature of which has not transpired.

Canton Police took action and the brawl has subsided.

However, it is still thought that further fighting may break out among the unions, or factions, concerned.—British Naval Wireless.

Messrs. Jardine's and the A.P.C. have godowns and wharves on the south side of Honam Island. Honam is a "suburb" of Canton city, being on the south side of the Canton River, while the city itself is on the north side. Steamers using the back reach to go up to Canton pass the stretch of Honam where foreign warehouses are situated.

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Hong Kong, 12th October, 1927.

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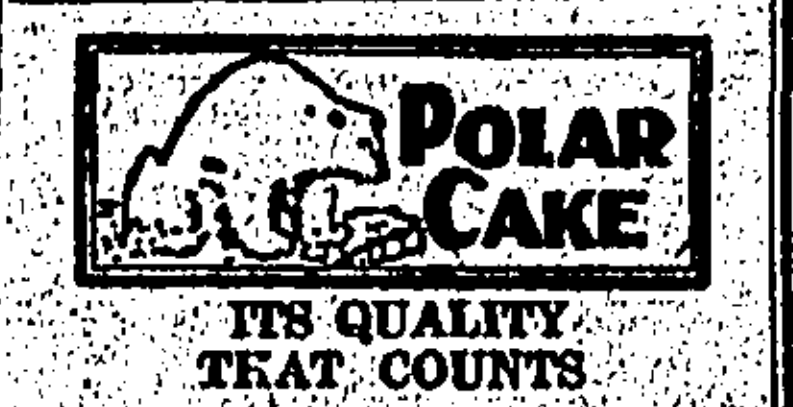
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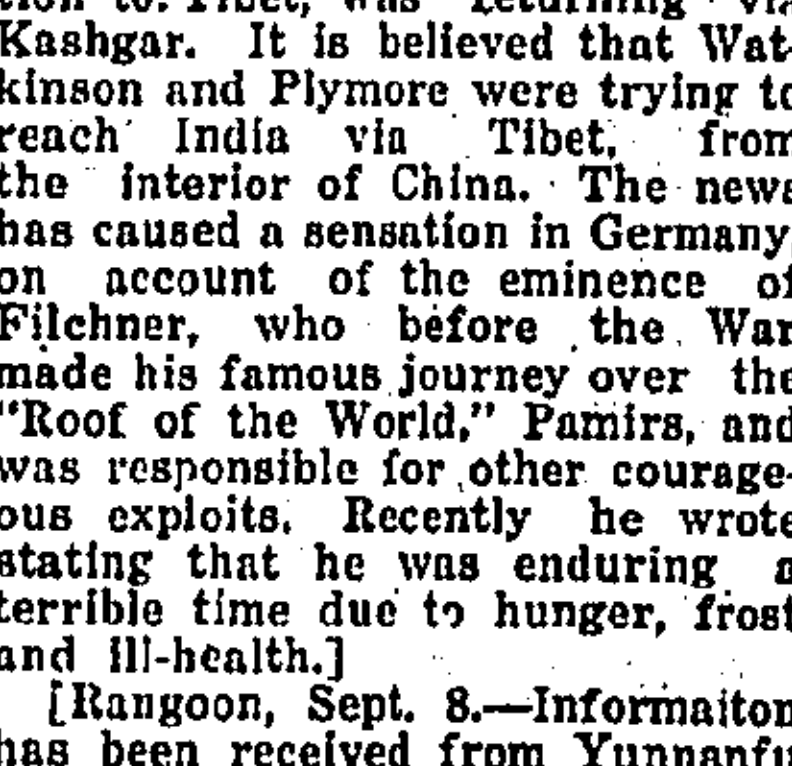
THREE EUROPEANS REACH NAGCHUKA.

NEWS OF DR. FILCHNER.

Simla, Sept. 21.
Reliable news is at hand of the arrival of a party consisting of three Europeans at Nagchuka, 10 days' march north of Lhasa, in Tibet.
There is very good reason to believe that this is the party headed by the American missionary, Mr. Filchner, which includes Dr. Filchner, the well-known German scientist and explorer, and that they are on their way to British territory via Ladakh, in Kashmir.
The rumour that this party had been murdered by Chinese brigands was widely published a short time back and caused widespread anxiety particularly in Germany, where the people are greatly interested in Dr. Filchner's work.
It now appears that this rumour had its origin in an attack by robbers on a party of missionaries making their way down to Burma from Chinese territory on the south-eastern border of Tibet.
The latter party, which included Messrs. Duncan and MacLeod, are believed to have sustained no casualties, though most of their belongings were lost.
Nagchuka (Nagchuka), is a town in Tibet, 50 miles west of Tachienlu, Lhasa ("Land of God") is the capital of Tibet and the seat of the Grand Lama.]

Two Earlier Reports.
[Earlier messages stated:—Berlin, August 31.—The premonition that he would never return home, voiced in a letter written by the well-known German explorer, Dr. Filchner, apparently has been borne out by the receipt of news that three foreigners were murdered in Szechwan by the Tibetan tribesmen. The circumstances suggest that the victims were Filchner and two missionaries, one British and one American, named Watkinson and Plymore, respectively. Filchner, who was engaged in an official-sponsored anthropological expedition to Tibet, was returning via Kashgar. It is believed that Watkinson and Plymore were trying to reach India via Tibet. The news has caused a sensation in Germany, on account of the eminence of Filchner, who before the War made his famous journey over the "Roof of the World." Pamirs, and was responsible for other courageous exploits. Recently he wrote stating that he was enduring a terrible time due to hunger, frost and ill-health.]

[Rangoon, Sept. 8.—Information has been received from Yunnanfu that two American families, the Duncans and MacLeods, including children, left Batang on June 27, and while coming overland to Burma were attacked when two-half days from Atuntee. The bandits, armed with rifles, opened fire, drove off the escorts, and robbed Duncan of all his possessions except his clothes. The heroism of MacLeod's servants saved their hut and some articles. No one was hurt, except one native servant who was beaten. A French Catholic priest and a Chinese merchant subsequently helped the party at Atuntee. Further news has not yet been received, but it is presumed that the party are en route to Hertz.]



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One of the first subjects concerning Canadian events of late that the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin touched on after his arrival in Canada recently was the Canadian Folk song and Handicraft Festival held at the Chateau Frontenac last May. Premier Baldwin observed that such a Festival was invaluable in preserving and reviving the old-time customs, songs and handicrafts, indigenous to Canadian life and particularly the province of Quebec. On the heels of this musical success came the announcement of a Scottish Gathering and Song Festival to be held from September 3 to 6.

Scots in Canada played a memorable part in the development of the country, their names having prominence in many historic engineering, fur trading and exploration enterprises such as men as Fraser, MacKenzie, Thompson, and many others in the past generations who have penetrated the mountains of the west. Here in these same mountains, unrivaled in the world for beauty, the Scottish Gathering and Festival was held. Activities were centred around the Banff Springs Hotel, that stands on the side of Sulphur mountain commanding a "million dollar" view of the Bow Valley.

\$200,000 FRAUD.

"PLAUSIBLE, UNSCRUPULOUS SWINDLER" SENTENCED.

SON ALSO CHARGED.

London, Sept. 21.
Described by a detective as a "plausible, unscrupulous swindler," who had obtained nearly £200,000 by fraudulent means during the past 20 years, Joseph Aspinall (58), engineer, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to-day to four years' penal servitude for conspiracy to defraud and obtaining money on false pretences.
His son, James Arthur Aspinall, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the Second Division for complicity in the offences.
The Recorder said that the case ought to be a lesson to people not to hazard money without making enquiries. Had they done so, they would have found that Joseph Aspinall had been convicted on three previous occasions and had been declared bankrupt twice.—"Times of Ceylon."

JOKE RESENTED.

Milton Hayes hit a snag in the new revue "Shake Your Feet" when he cracked a line about the Prince of Wales which did not appeal to the audience.

Hayes was doing a "silly ass" monologue of the type which has won him favour in the music halls. He remarked that the Duke of York bought a perambulator at a recent exhibition as a hint to his brother, the Prince of Wales.
The audience not only did not laugh, but it booed the actor unmercifully.
Even Will Rogers had to tone down his remarks about the Prince of Wales when he was performing in London.



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The historic character of the Scot has been carried down from generation to generation in his music. The lyrics and ballads that were sung with never-failing enthusiasm were heard to advantage at the festival.

The singers themselves were good Scots of no mean artistry. J. Campbell McInnes is a Highlander, now settled in Toronto; who is a recognised master in the interpretation of the old ballad. His rendering of "The Two Sisters of Biorie" was one of the great things in the history of song. Jeanne Duseau, although her name is French by marriage, won her first success on the concert stage under her maiden name of Ruth Thomson. She is a native of North-east Scotland. Davidson Thomson first saw the light in Perth and now directs the famous "Gracie Church" Choir in Winnipeg, triumphant shield-winner at many Western Festivals. He himself has shone as a star at many Festivals in the United States as well as in Canada. Ruth Matheson is a young contralto of Winnipeg who is winning recognition far outside her native city for her interpretation of Scottish songs. She comes from the "Kilgarny" of the Bow Valley.

COLONISATION.

131,000 ACRES FOR BOMBAY MILL OWNERS.

COTTON CULTIVATION.

Bombay, Sept. 21.
The Nizam of Hyderabad has issued a firman confirming the grant of 131,000 acres in the Adipabad District, under the colonisation scheme, to the well-known Bombay mill-owner, Sir Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy.
There was a discussion about the grant in the Nizam's Executive Council, which decided in favour of the grant.
Interviewed in Bombay, Sir Fazulbhoy said that he proposed to cultivate cotton on part of the land, and the other part would be set apart for a forest preservation.
The application, he added, was made a long time ago and the delay was due to the settlement of details.
The price paid for the land was Rs. 524,000, or a level rate of Rs. 4 per acre.—"Times of Ceylon."

RS. 45,000 DAMAGES.

OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR CHAUFFEUR'S ACCIDENT.

Bombay, Sept. 20.
A case of considerable interest to motorists was terminated in the High Court to-day.

Mr. G. Sugdury, a Greek, was directed by Mr. Justice Taleyarkhan to pay Rs. 45,000 damages to the widow and four children of a Parsee mill-jobber who was run over and killed while the driver employed by Mr. Sugdury was driving the car.
Deceased was aged 38 years and was drawing a salary of Rs. 120 per month at the time of his death. Mr. Justice Taleyarkhan held that the owner of the car was liable for any wrongful act or rash conduct on the part of his servant, though the plea was advanced that the driver, at the time of the accident was not driving for the purposes of the owner.
The Judge, taking into consideration the probable duration of a life of 65 years, held that Rs. 45,000 would be reasonable and just compensation, and passed a decree accordingly.

Mr. Sugdury appealed, and Mr. Justice Blackwell, on being informed that the parties had arrived at a settlement by consent—the appellant having agreed to make an ex gratia payment of Rs. 10,000 into court, to be dealt with according to the court's wishes—passed orders giving Rs. 3,000 to the widow, Rs. 6,000 to the four children and Rs. 1,000 for the out-of-pocket expenses of the solicitors.
The Chief Justice observed that the appellant had done a very handsome act by giving Rs. 10,000 and commended the legal advisers of both parties for having given up their costs in the suit, which must have been substantial.

Lord Inchcape was 75 years of age on September 9. Few men have crowded more achievement into their years.



Hobbs, who sings the Gaelic with a Gaelic tenor—some sweeter. And with him were Hobbs and folk-singers who sang with indescribable charm the exquisite songs of those Western Islands. The Canadian Pacific Calgary Male Voice Choir gave choral renderings of well-known Scottish songs.

With the dances—the Highland Fling—the Seann Truibhas—the Sword Dance—the Reel—with Marches went of course the music of the bagpipes, not forgetting the pibroch, otherwise spell as pibroch, of which not so many are masters. It is to the Highland Regiments that we owe the chief credit of keeping alive this stirring music, the sound of which stirs the blood as no other music can. By courtesy of the Canadian Minister of Militia each of the seventeen Highland Regiments in Canada had the opportunity of being represented by its best regimental piper in an endeavour to secure a beautiful trophy offered by Mr. W. Beatty, Chairman and President of the Canadian Pacific Railway through whose interest and generosity the organisation of this Highland Gathering at Banff was made possible. Scottish games and contests of all kinds were a feature of the three days' festival. The Highland Games were held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of the festival. The Highland Games were held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of the festival. The Highland Games were held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of the festival.

HOME RAILWAYS.

UNION'S CONFERENCE WITH OFFICIALS.

MUTUAL CO-OPERATION PLEDGED.

London, Sept. 21.
Representatives of three railway trade unions met officials of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company at Liverpool to-day to discuss the recent appeal of Sir Josiah Stamp for the co-operation of the workers.
The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution undertaking to make every endeavour, by mutual co-operation, to foster the interests of the railways and urging all individual members to make personal efforts to further the objects of the movement.—"Times of Ceylon."

[An earlier message stated:—Rugby, Sept. 15.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has addressed a remarkable letter to members of the Union, urging them to co-operate with the companies in establishing a prosperous and efficient railway service. The letter makes particular reference to a circular addressed to the staff of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway last month by Sir Josiah Stamp, urging hearty collaboration between every grade in the service. Mr. Thomas says:—"There is a great controversy at the moment, both on the platform and in the Press, on the subject of peace in industry, but many of those taking part in it are not parties to industry at all, but are simply pursuing an academic discussion. With regard to the situation on the railways, a great change has occurred during recent years, until to-day we find that there is scarcely a single question arising in the course of railway employment which may not be freely discussed between the management and the representatives of the men." Referring to the proposal to hold conferences in various districts served by the London, Midland and Scottish railway between the management and representatives of the employees, for the purpose of considering some of the most pressing railway problems, Mr. Thomas advises all concerned to show a keen interest in this matter, and to offer every possible help and assistance to the officers of the company in endeavouring to establish a prosperous and efficient railway service. Such co-operation, he says, is not inconsistent with sound trade union principles.]

YACHTING FATALITIES.

WOMAN'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

EFFORTS TO RESCUE CHILD.

London, Sept. 20.
Bathing in the placed waters of a sheltered beach near Harelot, some holiday-makers yesterday were watching a small yacht beyond the cove violently tossing, obviously uncontrolled, when they were thrilled to see a woman jump into the sea from the deck.
A party of strong swimmers struck out and rescued the unconscious woman, who subsequently, half-drowned with grief, related how, with her husband, daughter and a yachtman, she set out from Portsmouth on September 18 to spend a holiday sailing along the French waterways to the Mediterranean.
They encountered a sudden squall near the French coast and the small girl, who was playing on deck, was swept overboard. The yachtman plunged in and brought the child to the side of the yacht, but a huge wave carried them both away.
Then the husband dived in and the woman, impatiently watched the three persons get sucked down by the waves. She hastily donned a lifebelt and threw herself into the water.
The yachtman's body was washed ashore this evening.
Victims of Disaster.

WOMAN'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

EFFORTS TO RESCUE CHILD.

London, Sept. 20.
The victims of the Harelot yacht disaster were:—
Mr. Cecil Goodyear (40), a former Director of Goodyear and Sons, engineers, of Dudley.
His daughter, aged five years, and
"The Master of the 'Sea Wolf'" sailing from Portsmouth, whose identity is not known.
Goodyear was unable to swim.—"Times of Ceylon."

MILL MANAGER KILLED.

STONED TO DEATH BY WOMEN.

Bombay, Sept. 8.
A serious disturbance created by mill operatives, mostly women, of the Shapurji Broacha Mill last night resulted in the death of the manager.
The Police report states that the whole trouble was due to the feeling against the manager whose methods towards the operatives were regarded as harsh and unjust.
It appears that he told the heads of the Widling Department that they were dismissed. Their demand for a month's notice or a month's pay was turned down. He also turned down the demand of the women workers who alleged that they were not dismissed. All this combined to create a serious disturbance.

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TAMBA MARU	Wednesday, 18th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Wednesday, 18th November.
ROKUYO MARU	Friday, 14th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Friday, 14th October.
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 25th October.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	Thursday, 19th October.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.	Thursday, 19th October.
LIMA MARU	Thursday, 19th October.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	Tuesday, 18th October.
CEYLON MARU	Friday, 21st October.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

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SHANGHAI EXPORT MARKET INACTIVE.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co. make the following report on the Shanghai freight market for the fortnight ended September 29:—

To United Kingdom and Continent:—There is no change to report, on our local export market since last writing and, except for tea and silk, there is nothing much moving.

Export from Kankow continues very active and there is quite a large amount of general cargo moving besides the larger shipments of beans being made by ocean steamers loading there direct for Europe.

The Dalren and Vladivostok markets seem to have quietened down somewhat since last writing and practically no new fixtures have come to pass the last few days. The Homeward Conference has again lowered the rate on bulk oil from Daim by 5s. a ton.

The next steamers to load on this berth are as follows:—

London, Antwerp, etc., S.S. "Alaska Maru," sailing Oct. 1.	Marseilles, London, etc., S.S. "Hector," sailing Oct. 1.	Marseilles, London, etc., S.S. "Atsuta Maru," sailing Oct. 4.	Oran, Dunkirk, etc., S.S. "Pierre Benoit," sailing Oct. 6.	London, Hamburg, etc., S.S. "Toyohashi Maru," sailing Oct. 7.	Genoa, Marseilles, etc., S.S. "President Wilson," sailing Oct. 7.	Marseilles, Scandinavia, etc., S.S. "Asia," sailing Oct. 9.	London, Hamburg, etc., S.S. "Glenluce," sailing Oct. 15.	Genoa, Glasgow, etc., S.S. "Lima Maru," sailing Oct. 15.	Genoa, Glasgow, etc., S.S. "Lycanor," sailing Oct. 16.
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To United States via Pacific and Canals:—This market continues quiet but hides and bristles are beginning to move in small quantities, also seeds, but goatskins are finished. Silk is also quiet, but we look for improvement, shippers of egg-products are endeavouring to fulfil old contracts, but as factories are situated in the fighting zone. The chief difficulty lies in securing transport from the interior to shipping ports, the same remark applies also to feathers.

The next steamers to load for New York direct are as follows:—

S.S. "Mayebashi Maru," via Panama, sailing Oct. 5.	S.S. "City of Bombay," via Suez, sailing Oct. 6.	S.S. "President Wilson," via Suez, sailing Oct. 7.	S.S. "Chinese Prince," via Suez, sailing Oct. 11.	S.S. "Toba Maru," via Panama, sailing Oct. 17.
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Constatwise:—The situation here remains identical with our last report. The Manchurian bean crop is estimated to be considerably larger than for many years past which should make business from Northern Ports brisk and assist in strengthening rates, which are now on the weak side.

As regards the Yangtze River—Changsha, Shansi and Ichang have already opened up to foreign trade and the situation is being reflected in a considerably increased volume of exports.

SCOTTISH SHIPYARDS

NEW VESSELS FITTING OUT.

The Journal of Commerce and Shipping of September 8 reports:—Following on the greater activity in the shipyards during the summer months, there has been a marked increase in the number of new vessels fitting out on the Clyde. In the early summer the number of vessels which had been launched and were being made ready for sea had dropped to about half a dozen. Now there are on the upper and lower reaches of the river fully a score of ships, some of them of a large size, fitting out.

With the exception of one Govan firm, all the privately-owned basins on the river are well occupied by new ships. At Messrs. Harland and Wolff's Glasgow establishment there are no fewer than four vessels fitting out, three of them motorships. The firm have the oil tankers Agatha and Petronella for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, and are installing engines into the Dualla, a single-screw motorship built by Messrs. McMillan, Dumbarton, for Messrs. Elder, Dempster and Co. The fourth vessel at Messrs. Harland and Wolff's basin is a tug.

The basin of Messrs. John Brown and Co. is occupied by the two Australian cruisers, the Australia and Canberra, while at Dalmuir Messrs. Beardmore and Co. have in their basin the Brazilian-owned motorship Itape fitting out.

New Furness Liner.
The most notable vessel on trial on the Clyde this week is the Pacific Reliance, which is run preliminary tests to-day, and tomorrow she will go for her official trials, which will include a run extending practically all day.

This vessel is the first of four motorships—each of about 10,000 tons deadweight—which the Blythwood Shipbuilding Company are building for Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., London. The completion of the Pacific Reliance was delayed last year during the period of stoppage in the coal trade, but some of the time then lost has since been made up, and the second vessel of the group will shortly be put into the water.

In addition to the three motorships building for Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., the Blythwood Company have also on hand two large motor vessels, one of which is for a company associated with the Furness Line. A few months ago these were placed on order for a motorship for the British Empire Steam Navigation Company, a concern which is managed by Messrs. Houlder Brothers, and this firm is associated with the Furness Line.

The fifth motorship which the Blythwood Company have to build is for Messrs. C. T. Bowring and Co., Liverpool. She is to be a single-screw passenger and cargo vessel. All the tonnage which the firm have on hand consists of motorships, for which the main Diesel engines are being supplied by Messrs. J. G. Kincaid and Co., Greenock.

Shipyards Labour.

While work in the shipyards is proceeding smoothly enough, Clyde shipbuilders are not entirely free from anxiety over possible differences between them and their employees. This feeling of anxiety was in evidence at the meeting which was held in Edinburgh last week of shipbuilding and ship-repairing employers. In a brief official report of the proceedings issued it was stated that the principal business discussed at the meeting was the serious position created by the recent irregular stoppages of work by members of the Boilermakers' Society.

This can only refer to the unofficial strike which took place recently, when the riveters stopped work for a week or more in Clyde yards as a protest against the introduction of the new piece-work rates. The officials of the Boilermakers' Union, to which the riveters belong were, of course, against a stoppage, as the new piece list had been carefully drawn up jointly by representatives of the workmen and of the employers. The riveters, however, contended that the new list had the effect of reducing their earnings, and they demanded a 25 per cent. rise all round.

After the riveters came out on strike the employed consented to the setting up of a special committee representing both parties to examine the list in order to find out whether the riveters' claim was justified, and that committee is now investigating the whole matter.

The latest move on the part of the riveters is that they threaten to stop overtime in the yards pending the settlement of their claims. This will naturally cause much inconvenience to employers, and it would be a breach of the agreement relating to overtime and night shift work.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TODAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

"Empress of Russia" (8,789) British, from Vancouver, Shanghai, C.P.R.—787 passengers, 865 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 643 tons general (through).

"Lai Sang" (2,225) British, from Kobe, Amoy, Jardine's—155 passengers, 880 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 733 tons general (through).

"Ningpo" (1,228) British, from Canton, B. & S.

"Oakridge" (3,785) American, from Portland, Shanghai, Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.—700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons general (through).

"Angers" (5,680) French, from Yokohama, Shanghai, M.M.—129 passengers, 60 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 700 tons general (through).

"General Metzinger" (5,524) French, from Marseilles, Saigon, M.M.—198 passengers, 81 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,687 tons general (through).

"Dr. Pierre Benoit" (4,973) French, from M.M.—28 tons glass for Hong Kong, 1,013 tons general cargo (through).

"Hainfoosing" (998) Chinese, from Keelung, M.B.K.—700 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons coal (through).

"Hwah Ching" (1,628) Chinese, from Port Redon, Yuen Seng Fat.

Departures.

For Antau—Tak Hing.

For Takao—Ohio Maru, Benclench.

For Saigon—Angers, Yuen Jeng.

For Whampoa—Tong Lee.

For Amoy—Tjisalak.

For Shanghai—Pres. Pierce, General Metzinger.

For Canton—Yat Shing, Ninghai.

For Hongay—Wong Shek Kung.

For Colombo—Dr. P. Benoit.

For Bangkok—Orja.

For Swatow—Hong Peng, Hai lang.

For Manila—Pres. Jackson.

For Hoihow—Talkwa Maru.

Cleanances.

For Swatow—Hang Sang, Menado Maru.

For Kwong Chow Wan—Sun Kong.

For Singapore—Lai Sang.

For Sandakan—Sui Sang.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In Port.
British	3	5	21
American	1	2	3
Norwegian	0	1	8
Panama	0	0	1
Japanese	0	2	3
Chinese	2	4	13
Dutch	0	1	6
Portuguese	0	0	3
French	3	3	1
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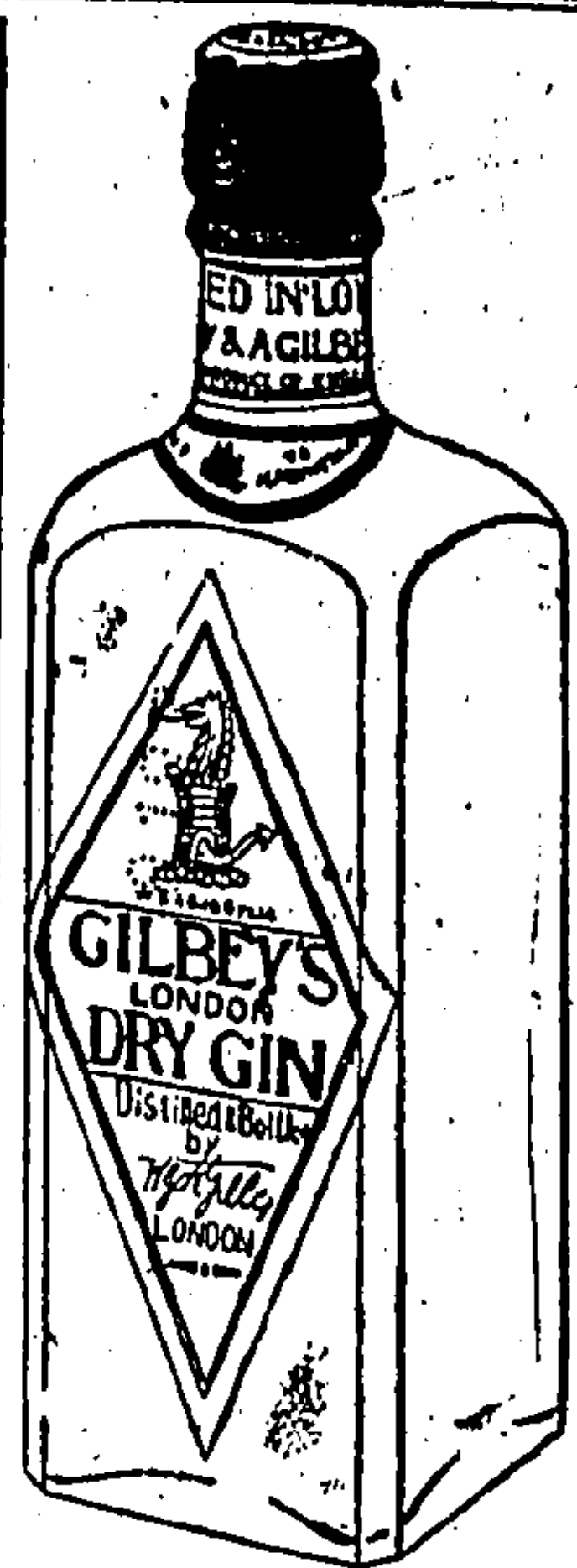
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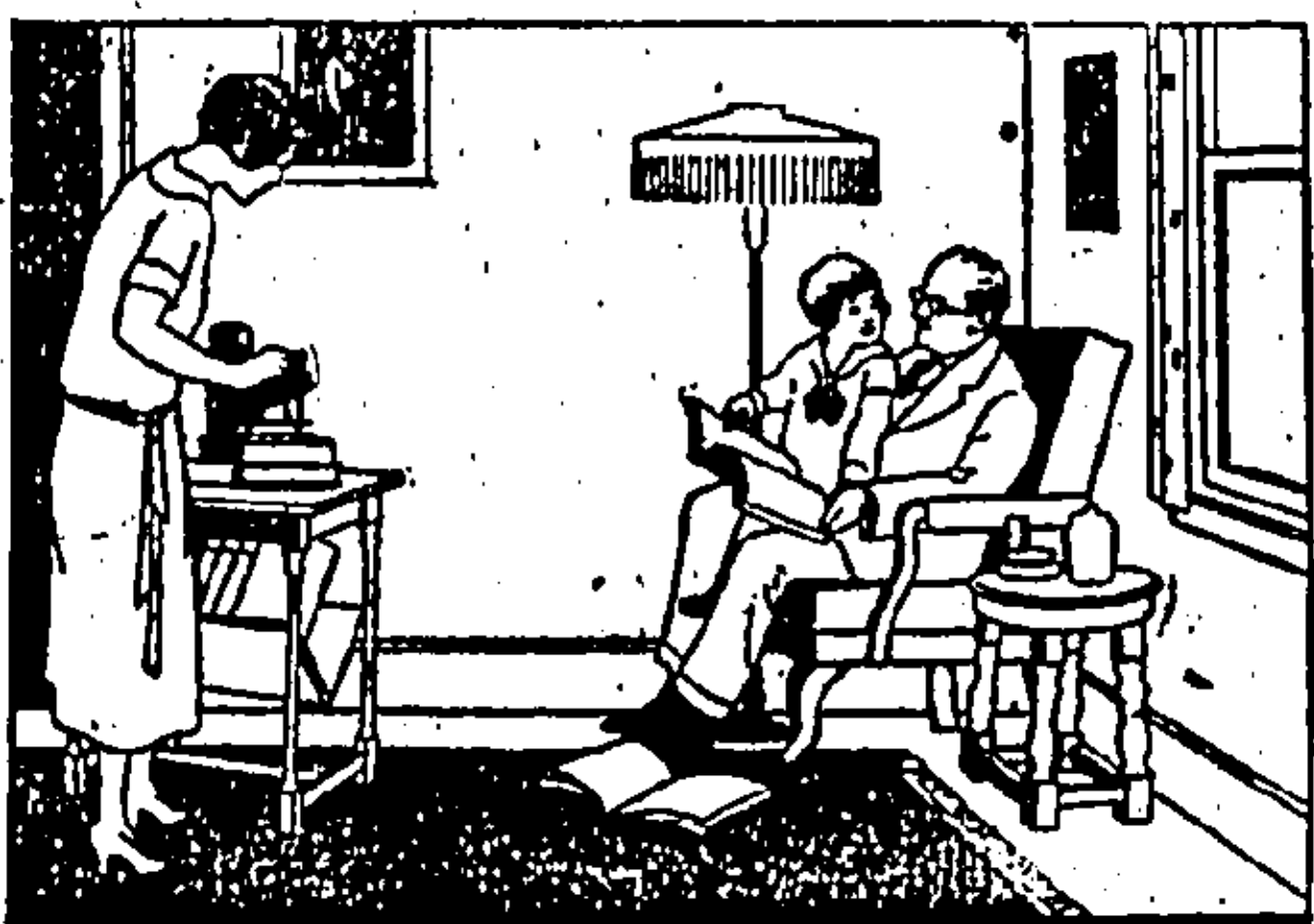
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A COUNCIL AGENDA.

Save for the Budget speeches and debates it is to be feared that the average agenda of the Legislative Council meetings is something akin to that of many of the meetings of the Sanitary Board—nothing of public interest to discuss. There is no live topic before the Council, and no live member apparently ready to submit one. Officials and unofficials alike seem content to permit the business of the Colony, so far as the Legislative Council is concerned at any rate, to pursue the even tenor of its way. There is, however, a danger in getting into a groove and staying there. It is not sufficient to point to the marking time that the Colony is observing until such time as affairs in South China permit of normality in the commercial realm and of the resumption of schemes for the development of the Colony. Progress can never be achieved through stagnation or dormancy. How can the sympathy, and practical co-operation of the community be forthcoming if all that is presented at each successive meeting of the Council is more or less a blank agenda? If there is nothing to sympathise with, nothing to co-operate in, the Legislative Council may just as well hold no meetings and contain no unofficial members in its personnel. The truth of the matter is that each and all are so wrapped up in their own little world that they are unmoved and unshaken by what may happen outside it. They play their own boundary lines on their own particular zone of influence and by no stretch of the imagination could they picture themselves taking more than an academic interest in anything big or small, outside that zone. In the result the agendas of Council meetings are poverty-stricken. Big men with big ideas are rare. Only when the Colony is threatened by some abnormal upheaval do those in the limelight through their position as official or unofficial members of the Council make an effort to get out of the rut and to make the proceedings of the Council meetings something more than commonplace. That is not to say that anyone would advocate the artificial creation of public interest in the affairs of the Council, around which are inextricably woven all that concerns, or should concern, every member of the community. But it is not time to take our eyes off South China once in a while and concentrate on the problems that are solely connected with this Colony? Public work, we are often told, is fascinating. It tends to make for better citizenship. It affords a capital training ground for community service that must ever leave its mark not only on those engaged in it, but on the Colony as a whole. But of fascination there will be none, of irksomeness there may be over-much, if the routine of the Legislative Council is allowed to become too mechanical—a perfunctory duty to be performed with a subsequent sigh of relief. Something more, enduring than that is expected on the part of those who are entrusted with the responsibilities of high positions, whether they be officials or unofficials. The primary task of the Council may be, it is true, legislative, but it ought also to be creative and inspiring. When it becomes that in actuality there will automatically be an end of agendas that contain nothing more than room for reporting that "no business of public interest was discussed."

Killing The Truth.

We received through the post this morning from Hankow a letter containing Chinese and English versions of a "declaration of the Wuhan Printers' Union regarding the Printers' Strike in the Central China Post." The document, of course, comprises the usual propaganda such as sneaks into the Colony now and then. That, however, is not the point which concerns us at present. What is of more importance is the delightful way in which the Printers' Union lets the cat out of the bag. The "Central China Post," as most people know, is the British-owned daily newspaper of Hankow which was forced to suspend publication soon after the surrender of the British Concession in January last because of its outspoken criticism of the Chinese Government. It was then, however, that the paper was allowed to resume publication, and it was again suspended in 1926 because of its criticism of the Chinese Government.

strike. This apology for the unwarranted cessation of work on the part of the printing staff which we have before us states, inter alia, "While serving as a mouthpiece for the Imperialist, it (the "Central China Post") has treated the workers in an intolerable manner and at the same time adopted a hostile attitude towards the Nationalist Government, discrediting it before the eyes of the public." That is all there is to it. The newspaper has told the truth regarding the corruption and political monkeying that exists in Hankow, and by so doing has displayed great courage, having everything to lose and nothing to gain. The journal's disclosures of official iniquity and turpitude have been eagerly snapped up by the coastal Press and, no doubt, telegraphed abroad. No wonder the "Central China Post" has been suppressed. The Printers' Union, we observe, does not want to deal too harshly with the Imperialists. Their opposition "is only confined to those Imperialist nations which are adopting an aggressive policy against weak nations." So, upon certain conditions, they are prepared to return to work. These conditions are as laughable as the declaration of this small but virulent union's opposition to specified "Imperialist nations." It is demanded, for instance, that "corrections should be made in all articles and news against the Nationalist Government published in the paper and sufficient guarantee should be given that no such things would be published in the future." The obvious futility of such a "demand" must appeal to all.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EVOLUTION, DARWINISM, AND THE REV. FATHER BYRNE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Being greatly interested in Evolution and Darwinism I read through the Rev. Father Byrne's lecture as it appeared in your columns—with deep disappointment.

More than thirty years ago one of our great scientists since dead, gave utterance to the following:—"The meanest kind of criticism is that of the man who cheapens a scientific explanation by saying that the very simplest facts of nature are unexplainable. Such a man prefers the chaotic wonder of the savage to the reverence of a Sir Isaac Newton."

We wish Father Byrne would get this printed up in letters of gold over the entrance to the St. Patrick's Club, and have it adopted as the motto of the Society of Jesus.

Father Byrne in his lecture said:—"Many talk glibly of 'Darwinism,' but the number who have read Darwin's own works is comparatively small. Darwin was very modest in his conclusions, and did not label as 'facts' statements which were only theories."

Then Father Byrne proceeds with this summary:—"Many scientists hold that if we were sufficiently curious about our ancestors investigation would reveal them to us as monkeys in the forest. Now why do they think this? No one can deny that there is a considerable resemblance, in bodily structure, between man and ape; scientists can point out further affinities as in the nature and reaction of the blood. Further archaeological researches have unearthed various specimens of human workmanship and human remains in the earth. The tools used by these ancient men were of a primitive and rough kind, pointing to a rudimentary civilisation. Some found indicated, in the opinion of many scientists, a type of man much closer to the ape than the man of to-day. Much work was spent over these relics and it was hoped to complete the collection some day, and to show the gradual shaping of the ape into the man. The collection is still incomplete, and the 'link' between man and monkey is as missing a link as it was in the days of Darwin. We read at times of the 'flood' of evidence. The 'flood' consists of a few skulls, some pieces of bones and some skeletons grouped around them. It was remarked that they could all fit into the back of a small Ford delivery van. I wonder, does Father Byrne really believe that if Charles Darwin had been listening to him on Thursday last, he would have assented to this as a fair summary of the evidence that has come to light since his death? Or if Charles Darwin had been delivering the address instead of Father Byrne that he (Darwin) would have made the same statement?"

If Father Byrne really believes this I have practically nothing further to say except that I don't think the study of the works of Charles Darwin during three of his lectures would do Father Byrne any good. One could only say, "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone."

The final sentence—"It was remarked that they could all fit into the back of a small Ford delivery van"—is not exactly the spirit exemplified in the writings of Charles Darwin.

Unfortunately there is another side to all this. Even the most casual reader, after reading over Father Byrne's address, can see between the lines the intense anxiety to show that man's descent from lower forms has not been proved; that evolution adds nothing to the explanation of the origin of life. Now why all this anxiety to show that these scientific theories have not been proved? Has Father

Byrne an explanation of the mystery of life? He would probably answer, "No." But just herein lies the crux. By becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church he has given his assent to certain beliefs or doctrines the continued acceptance of which is only consistent with a certain type of answer as to the origin of life or the descent of man. Father Byrne himself is probably hardly conscious of this. But to an outside reader, the whole picture of the matter seems quite patently to colour the whole evidence before it gets sifted in his mind. And this constant protesting "not proven" seems to betray an uneasy conscience.

Notwithstanding his regret at the violent statements on the other side, and his remark, "they are untrue, and a departure from truth must injure, not serve, the cause of genuine science," we cannot help feeling that this initial attitude of Father Byrne is a terrible handicap to the unbiased weighing of evidence.

Mr. G. R. Stirling-Taylor, in reviewing Mr. Beebe's "History of England" in the Bookman a few months ago put the matter very succinctly when he wrote:—"The mind that can submissively surrender itself to the dogma of the Church is not well suited for the handling of secular historical evidence." And if this can be said about the handling of secular historical evidence how much more is it applicable in the case of the biological sciences?

The implicit acceptance of a whole body of belief which controls so many of the avenues of thought leaves so little room for the candid examination of unfavourable evidence that the person who has accepted it seems destined to reach the inanity of Cardinal Newman. "We cannot without absurdity call ourselves at once believers and inquirers also." And so the inquiry is laid aside, and the comfortable facts and those that fit in with the accepted faith are alone received.

Father Byrne concludes with a quotation the whole truth of which he apparently accepts. It is by somebody who has tried to read far beyond his intelligence and who is consequently suffering from a severe attack of mental indigestion. Just as the Dyspeptic has the craving for food, he has the craving for certitude and the gnawing mental pain from the lack of it. Just listen to it:—"For the plain truth is that, though some agree in this and that, there is not a single point in which all agree; battling for evolution, they have torn it to pieces; nothing is left, nothing at all on their showing save a few fragments strewn about the arena."

But what does Father Byrne or the writer of this really want? Would Father Byrne be any the happier if an angel from heaven (or any other means by which he believes absolute certainty could come to man) came down and informed the whole human race that man was actually evolved from an amoeba and had no immortal soul (whatever that may mean) different from the protozoan? I ask would Father Byrne be any the happier? Or if he does not like this, let us suppose the reverse. Let us suppose that the angel brought down definite incontrovertible evidence that man had no relationship, physical or mental, with the rest of the animal or plant world, but had breathed into him a special entity, a soul, and was a special creation. Would Father Byrne then be any happier?

We cannot think so. It is just this clash and struggle, this age-long warfare from amoeba to man which is life. And while its phases and forms, which, like individuals give it a transient embodiment, are extinguished and pass out the struggle and the warfare remain. Far as we can look back into the past where there was life there was this struggle. And when we look into the future when the Roman Catholic Church, the British Association and the Society of Jesus have passed to the limbo of forgotten institutions, and the present order is no more, this struggle and warfare will still remain: for this is life. And biologists feel the great debt of gratitude they owe to Charles Darwin because the realisation of the truth of this age-long omnipresent struggle as the warp and woof of life is due to him and almost to him alone. And in him also we have that unique and well-nigh perfect pattern in the scientific study of that warfare in plant, animal, and man. This is the science of biology which in its scientific form dates a new era from, may almost begin with, the publication of that great work the "Origin of Species in 1859."

Yours, etc.,

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FALSE PRETENCES?

ALLEGATION AGAINST A CHINESE.

A Chinese, who was stated to have lived a number of years in Mexico, was this morning charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy with obtaining \$180 by false pretences from another Chinese. The accused was alleged to have obtained the money on the pretext that he would be able to obtain a visa for the complainant's passport from the Mexican Consul.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The C.C.C. presented a Muskett at Shanghai lawn bowlers' head!

Johnson—I hear that you have been getting married.

Brown—Yes.

Johnson—Whom did you marry?

Brown—Polly Smith, her mother, her stepfather, and two maiden aunts!

Angler—How are you, John?

John—Well, sir, my lungs are very bad; wot's lot of 'em, an' my heart's all jumpy. I can't see properly, an' I'm gettin' stone deaf, an' wot with my corns an' chilblains I'm all anyhow.

Angler—Otherwise all right?

The teacher was trying to give her pupils an illustration of the meaning of the word "perseverance." "What is it," she asked, "that carries a man along rough roads and smooth roads, up hills and down, through jungles, and swamps, and raging torrents?" There was a silence, and then Tommy, whose father was a motor dealer, spoke up.

"Please, miss," he said, "there ain't no such car."

Two costers entered a picture gallery and paused opposite a landscape dotted with horsemen. Each horseman had a falcon attached to his wrist by a chain. The title of the picture was "Hawking."

"So that's 'ow they 'awked stuff in them days!" said one of them.

"Queer, ain't it?"

"Yes," said the other, "but I can't make out, mate, what exactly them blokes is tryin' to sell."

"Must be them parrots of theirs."

M'Dauber, an eminent artist, working beside a picturesque country farm was being worried by the persistent attentions of a small fox terrier, and finally in a moment of unrestrained passion he seized the animal and dipped its hindquarters in a pot of vividly coloured paint.

Soon after the owner of the dog appeared.

"What's the meaning of this?" he shrieked.

"The brute sprang at me," returned the artist calmly, "and I stopped him with this"—holding up a brush.

"Sprang at you!" snorted the other. "Sprang at you! What—tail first?"

The Artist (bitterly)—"The fact is, not one purchaser in ten knows a good picture from a bad one." Critic (brightly)—"That's what I call luck for some of you fellows, eh?"

Little Robert—Pa, a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?

His Father—We are told so, my son.

Little Robert—Then, if a man marries twice, there isn't anything left of him, is there?

A man of diminutive proportions sat down at the restaurant table.

"I want some salad," he said.

"What kind, shrimp?" asked the waiter.

"Don't get funny with me, young man!"

Elderly gentleman, to workman in tramcar who frequently takes nips from his bottle—

"Do you know, my man, I never tasted spirits in my life!"

Working-man—No; an' you ain't a-go'in' to begin now, neither!

The family were sitting around the fireside in the evening. Mother was knitting, father reading the newspaper, and the boy was studying words.

"Dad," the boy asked, "what is a fiancée?"

Father—A young lady who is engaged to be married.

Boy—Then what is a fiancée, dad?

Father—Oh, that's the fellow who is going to marry her.

A little girl was going to her first fancy dress party, and her mother was perplexed as to what she should wear. "Couldn't I go as a milkmaid, mummy?" suggested the child. "I'm afraid you're too small," answered the mother. "But I could go as a condensed milkmaid; couldn't I, mummy?" retorted the child.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Joseph Leslie Quile, accountant, residing at No. 7 Yue Kwong Terrace, Hong Kong, to Miss Helen Yvonne Wilson Waller, Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong.

Nervous old lady, hiring a taxi: "Now, driver, be very, very careful. Don't go too fast in case you slide, and don't go on unless the policeman tells you."

Driver: "Very good, lady, and if there's an accident which hospital would you like to go to?"

Married man: "I don't know what you want to do with me, but I don't want to go to the hospital."

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SHANSI ALLY.

Nanking Orders Army to March North.

Nanking, Yesterday. Orders have been given by the Nationalist supreme war council for the 19th Nationalist Army to advance (from the north bank of the Yangtze River) northwards, following the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, to Pengpi, about 150 miles away.

This order leads to an impression that the Nanking Government intends launching an offensive against the Fengtien Party (and their allies), in co-operation with Shansi.—British Naval Wireless.

CHANGSHA BOMB

7 ex-Communists Killed in Explosion.

Changsha, Yesterday. A bomb exploded here on Monday, killing seven men who were formerly Communists. The celebration for China's National Day passed off quietly.—British Naval Wireless.

THE NOTABILITIES.

Chin Yun-ao, Chiang Kai-shek & Others.

Peking, Yesterday. According to Chinese reports, General Tang Seng-chi (commander-in-chief of Wu-Han) has arrested General Chin Yun-ao somewhere on the Honan-Hupeh provincial border, tried him on a charge of plotting against the Revolution, and shot him.

General Chin Yun-ao recently revolted unsuccessfully against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in Honan province.—Reuter.

[Note: He fought for Wu Pei-fu last year against the Nationalists and finally surrendered to the "Christian General".]

Mrs. C. C. Wu Detained. Tientsin, Yesterday. Madame C. C. Wu, wife of the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has been detained by Chinese police aboard a Japanese vessel by which she intended to go to Shanghai yesterday.—Reuter.

Hankow Parley. Kluikiang, Yesterday. General Chu Pei-tai was not in the delegation of Nanking politicians who went to Hankow to interview General Tang Seng-chi.—British Naval Wireless.

Chiang Kai-shek. Shanghai, Yesterday. Mrs. Soong formally announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Soong Mei-ling to General Chiang Kai-shek, who intimates that he may be forced to give up his tour as he is returning to political life.

General Chiang Kai-shek is staying at Kobe.—Reuter.

Kobe Kuomintang. Osaka, Yesterday. Chinese residents of Kobe hoisted the Kuomintang flag yesterday on the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Chinese Republic, but members of the Kuomintang, seeing the Chinese Consulate, Chinese School and a few others flying the five-colour flag of the Republic, insisted upon those flags being hauled down. Shortly afterwards the Kuomintang flag was seen everywhere.—Reuter.

COMING WEDDINGS.

LT.-COMDR. IN TO-DAY'S LIST.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:
Lt.-Comdr. Conway Benning Allen, of H.M. Submarine L5, (home address, "Lisconnan," Derrinck, County Antrim); to Miss Marjorie Brough Warren, Westmorland House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr. A. McAlpine, Marine Engineer, a.s. "Sui Sang"; to Miss Elizabeth Paterson Stewart, of Greenock, Scotland.

Mr. Kenneth Kingsley Staple, merchant, of "Huntingdon," Stubbs road; to Miss Martha Jane Warbrick, nursing sister, Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Ferrino Xavier Delgado, clerk in Noronha and Co., to Miss Mercedes Eliomena Castilho, of 1, Cadogan Street.

SWEEPS' BRASS BAND

Berlin's latest musical sensation is a band of chimney sweeps. German chimney cleaners still wear the traditional stove-pipe hat, patent leather shoes, and black suits. In this garb their musical aggregation of 18 brass-band members is also clothed. The band master distinguishes himself by a white linen sack coat, like that worn by American barbers, over his black garb.

BRITISH SUGAR.

UNFAIR PREFERENCE TO COLONY.

CRISIS AT HOME.

London, Yesterday. British sugar refineries are reported to be faced with a serious crisis, four out of the five firms of refiners in Greenock having suspended operations. As a result thousands of workers will be unemployed this winter.

Messrs. Tate and Lyle fear that they may have to close their factories in Liverpool and London. Sir Leonard Lyle, in an interview, attributed the crisis to the beet sugar subsidy, to preference to Dominion sugar and to the dumping of sugar from mid-Europe. He declared it to be unfair competition to give white sugar from the Dominions preference, and observed that the Government should give preference to the raw material and not to the finished article.—Reuter.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

REBELS ROUTED IN BIG BATTLE.

Mexico City, Yesterday. Federal headquarters announce that the rebels were decisively routed in a six-hour battle on Sunday afternoon near Ayahualulco, in the state of Vera Cruz.

The leaders, Gomez and Almada escaped, but are being pursued by the Federals.

Calles Promises Amnesty. The Federal casualties in the six-hour battle are declared to be 52 wounded.

President Calles has promised amnesty to the Rebel officers and men who surrender.—Reuter's American Service.

Revolution Crushed. Mexico City, Yesterday. The revolution has been crushed, leaving President Calles complete master and Obregon only a presidential candidate.

It is estimated that one Federal and 150 revolutionists were killed in the battle and ten million pesos spent by the Government in suppressing the movement. Rebel property, however, reverts to the State.—Reuter's American Service.

IMMIGRATION.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PLAN CRITICISED.

Winnipeg, Yesterday. The Conservative convention has passed a resolution declaring, the immigration policy of the present Government a failure and urging a vigorous system of immigration based on a selective principle, efforts to repatriate Canadians to secure a larger proportion of British settlers, and to take full advantage of the assistance of the British Government to promote Empire settlement. The resolution also favoured, the exclusion of Orientals.—Reuter.

AMERICAN MONEY.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Washington, Yesterday. The French Ambassador has been officially informed that the United States does not object to the funding of the Hundred Million Dollars Eight Per Cent. 1920 Loan.

Negotiations have been completed by the American Bank for a Loan of twenty million dollars to the German Commercial Privatbank at 5½ per cent, which is the lowest rate of a German issue since the war.—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA.

STRENGTHENING PENAL CODE.

Paris, Yesterday. At the instance of M. Leon Perrier, Minister for the Colonies, the President has signed a decree strengthening the provisions of the Penal Code, as applied in Indo-China, for punishment of persons guilty of political agitation.—Reuter.

OVERCAST AND RAIN

STRONG MONSOON MAY BE EXPECTED.

East winds, fresh, overcast, rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. A somewhat deep depression lies to the north-east of Japan, and a strong anticyclone covers China. A strong monsoon may be expected along the coast.

MISSED SHIPS.

OUT-OF-WORKS IN COURT.

SEAMEN IN TROUBLE.

William Morgan, a fireman, formerly on board the s.s. "Tiberon," which was chartered by the Admiralty to bring coal out to the fleet in local waters, was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with having no employment or vessel to be support in the Colony. Sub-Inspector Elston who prosecuted told the Magistrate that the defendant got drunk in Hong Kong and missed his ship. From inquiries made it was discovered that he was a respectable seaman who had tried his best to get job in Manila. The officer asked that the defendant be sent to the House of Detention until arrangements could be made for his repatriation.

The Magistrate made the necessary order. An American fireman named Kan-bush was also produced before the Magistrate on a similar charge. Sergeant Elston said that this defendant arrived in the Colony on board an American ship, and he and another man missed the ship. Since then the defendant's companion had better luck and had succeeded in finding another job. The defendant had stayed at the Seamen's Institute until his money ran out, and then he was compelled to take the streets. Arrangements were being made by a shipping company and the American Consul to send the defendant back to San Francisco, and an order was asked for the defendant to be kept in the House of Detention until his repatriation. The order was made.

NOT ALL COFFEE.

FINED FOR SELLING A CHICORY MIXTURE.

The Po Woo compradore firm of No. 14, Hing Loong Street was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by Sanitary Inspector Hughes for selling half-a-pound of coffee containing 13 per cent. of foreign matter, chiefly chicory.

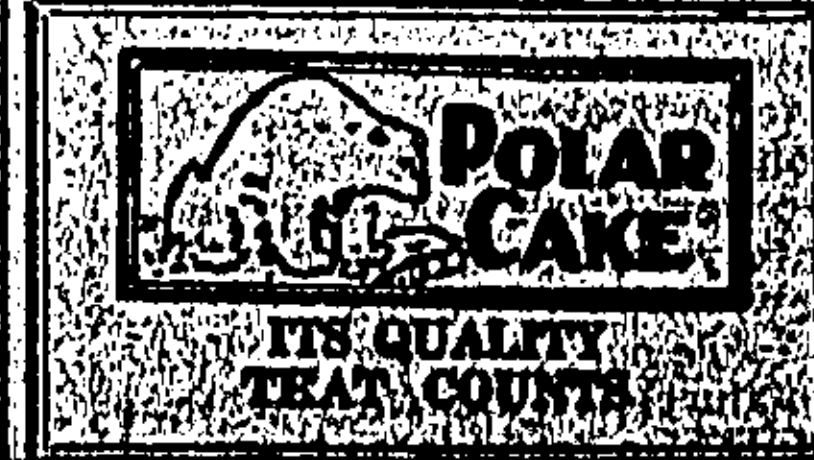
Replying to the charge, a representative of the firm told the Magistrate that they did not know that the coffee contained foreign matter. It was bought by the firm already ground from the Yan Tak shop of Saiyungpun, West Point, through a canvasser. Purchases were made from this shop almost monthly. The last lot was bought less than a month ago, and the coffee supplied to the Inspector was part of the last lot delivered to the defendant firm by the Yan Tak shop. The coffee was delivered partly in paper bags and partly in tins. They did not receive any guarantee from the Yan Tak shop with regard to the quality of the coffee.

Chance Purchase. In the witness box, Inspector Hughes told the Magistrate that he visited the defendant firm on September 5 in the ordinary course of his duty and asked for half-a-pound of coffee which was supplied loose from a large 12-lbs. tin. The witness paid 27 cents for the coffee, and after explaining to the shop fohi what he was about to do, he divided the coffee into three equal parts and poured the parts into three stoppered bottles. One bottle he gave to the shop to keep, one he sent to the Government Analyst and the third he retained himself. It was as the result of the analyst's report that the summons was taken out against the firm. The firm was not suspected by the witness when he bought the coffee there. It was merely done by chance.

Replying to the Magistrate, the witness said that as a general rule the Sanitary Department would not prosecute where less than eight per cent. of the chicory was present in coffee. The witness also explained that when a person bought loose coffee in bags, he expected to be given the pure product ground from coffee beans. It was different when coffee was bought in tins. Then, the shops were protected by the labels on the tins which always bore information as to the percentage of chicory contained in the coffee. The witness also produced a note from the head of the Sanitary Department to the effect that a heavy penalty was not being pressed for.

Not Worth Worrying. Asked if he would like to call evidence from the Yan Tak shop, the defendant's representative said that it was not worth "worrying" about calling them, adding: "This is entirely our own affair."

Mr. Lindsell said that it was clear that if the shop sold loose coffee it must be the product of ground coffee beans and nothing else. The defendant had sold loose coffee containing a percentage of foreign matter, and therefore they were guilty of an offence. He imposed a fine of \$25.



ALLEGED BRIBERY.

POLICEMEN AGAIN IN COURT.

THE ROUND-UP.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard further evidence at the Central Magistracy in the case in which seven Chinese constables of the Hawkers' Department were charged with conspiring to make extortions from hawkers, receiving bribes, and misconduct as policemen.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for Li Lum, Po Shing and Kong Hung, Mr. D. L. Turner for Wu Ching-nam and Tse Nam, and Mr. E. Davidson for Tsang Kam. The seventh accused, Li Fook-tin, the man who was injured when he jumped from a window of the first floor of No. 3 Station Street, when the police raided the place, was again not legally represented.

The principal evidence given yesterday was that of the raid at No. 3 Station Street on September 19. Sub-Inspector Carey said that he raided the place in the company of Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P. The witness said that he was the fourth of the raiding party to enter the floor, and as he walked into the rear cubicle where several men were squatting on a tressle bed, he saw a man go through a window. The witness seized one of the other men, and in the course of the struggle which followed, he saw him take a piece of paper from his pocket and throw it on the floor. Altogether five men were surprised and arrested on the floor. At the time they all carried loaded police revolvers.

All five men were searched and everyone had some money on his person. No. 1 had \$9.01, No. 2 \$49.10, No. 3 \$47.70, No. 4 \$43.50 and No. 5 \$80.55. In addition, a purse containing \$57.50 was found in another part of the cubicle, and this was claimed by No. 1. In the pocket of a pongee silk long coat which was hanging on the wall, the sum of \$46.50 was found. This coat was claimed by No. 3 as his property. A list of names similar to those found on one or more of the accused, was taken from the pocket of a grey coat which was not claimed. Although a pack of cards was found, there was no sign of gambling in the cubicle.

Man's Injuries. On September 21, two days after the raid and arrests, the sixth accused was questioned and examined bodily. The upper part of his right arm, near the shoulder, was found to be abraded and bruised, and on the forearm there was a scratch six inches long. His chest was also bruised and scratched.

Mr. Hall asked what this evidence was going to prove, and Mr. Booth said that it was possible that there was a seventh man in the cubicle at the time of the raid.

Mr. Lindsell: Are you asking me to infer from this evidence of injuries that the sixth man managed to escape from the cubicle at the time of the raid?

Mr. Booth having replied in the affirmative, his Worship remarked that in that case he was afraid that he could not take the evidence offered.

Seventh Accused. Evidence of the arrest of the seventh accused, the man who was known to have jumped out of the window, was given by Lance Sergeant Morton. The witness said that he picked the accused up in a side street which branched off Station Street. The accused was then bleeding through the mouth, and was in a serious condition. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he was searched, but nothing was found on him. The man was then dressed only in shorts and a singlet.

After this evidence the case was adjourned.

HARD LUCK STORY.

A DISAPPOINTING WIFE.

A Chinese told a hard luck story when he was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a blanket and two pieces of clothing from a house in Pokfulam. In tears the accused told the Magistrate that he had been in prison once before and since then he had been unable to find employment. He could not even find work as a coolie, and this in spite of the efforts of his friend.

The accused added that he got married in the eighth moon of this year, and this had added greatly to his misery, because his wife was very disappointing and disobedient. He had tried to persuade her to return to the country, but she refused to go. Asked why he should undertake the responsibility of married life while out of a job, the accused told the Magistrate that he was practically forced to marry the girl, because his mother urged him to do so.

Mr. Lindsell: You would commit suicide if you were urged to return to the country, but three months' jail has passed.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 12—Queen's Theatre; "Flower of Night."

October 12—World Theatre; "The Country Kid."

October 12—Star Theatre, Kowloon; "Jazzmania."

October 12—Dinner Dance at Republic Bay Hotel.

October 12—First of a series of eleven concerts for the winter season, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m., starting with "Gilbert and Sullivan."

October 16-17—Queen's Theatre, "Miss Brewster's Millions."

October 16-17—Star Theatre, "The Love Toy."

October 16-17—World Theatre; "Paths to Paradise."

October 18—Mr. R. Sallabury's "Quaints" will open at the City Hall, with the new musical comedy, "The Blue Train."

October 18-19—Queen's Theatre; "Behind the Front."

October 18-19—Star Theatre; "Wine of the South."

October 18-22—World Theatre; "The Black Pirate."

October 20-22—Queen's Theatre; "The Cat and The Canary."

October 20-22—Star Theatre; "The Golden Bed."

October 21—Nelson Day. Navy League Concert, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

October 23-24—Star Theatre; "Madame Sans Gene."

October 12—Scottish Garrison Sports, Happy Valley.

October 12—Local Hockey; H.K.H.C. v. Queen's Rgt., U.S.R.C. ground, 5 p.m.

October 12—Ping Pong League; S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (C.C.K.M.S.).

October 13—Interport Lawn Bowls, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, C.C.C. ground, 3 p.m.

October 13—Ping Pong League; W.Y.O.B.U. v. C.A.A. (St. Peter's Club).

October 13—Steel and Coulson's Billiard League; Garrison Sgt. Mess v. R.A., St. Patrick's Club v. D.R.C., Police v. Northants; Wardens v. K.O.S.B.; Revenue v. R.E. & R. Sigs.

October 14—Local Hockey; H.K.H.C. v. Punjabis, King's Park, 5.35 p.m.

October 15—S.C.A.A. cross harbour swim, from Kowloon Dock to Quarry Bay, 2 p.m.

October 15—Fourth extra race meetings at Macao.

October 17—V.R.C. Chinese Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

October 18—V.R.C. Ladies' Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

October 19—V.R.C. open Harbour Race, 5-6 p.m.

November 9—Eighth bi-annual "Trevelyan Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

Lammeris' Auction. October 13—At Sales Room, a large assortment of books, 11 a.m.

October 13—At Godown No. 6, The China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Kennedy Town, 202 bags Tonkin white rice, 10.30 a.m.

October 18—At Sales Room, a very valuable collection of Curios of Ancient Dynasties, 2.30 p.m.

October 18—Legislative Council Meeting.

October 19—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, at the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Sixth annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 2 Lower Albert Road, noon.

October 22—Meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show Committee, at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sale. October 17—At the office of the Public Works Department, sale of one lot of Crown Land at Shamshulpo, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous. October 12—Fourth Reel Club practice at Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m.

October 13—French Convent's annual sale of work Causeway Bay, 10 a.m.

October 15—Interport lawn bowls dinner, Savoy Hotel.

October 14—Members of St. Andrew's Society "At Home" to Scottish Regiments at Happy Valley from 2 p.m. (postponed from the 12th).

October 16—Closing of bathing beaches at North Pt. and Tai Wan Bay, 7 p.m.

October 24—Kennedy Town bathing beach will be closed at 7 p.m.

POLA NEGRI.

STARRING AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A pretty film is now showing at the Queen's Theatre starring the famous actress, Pola Negri. In "A Flower of Night," she appears as the only daughter of an old-time Spanish grandee and the scene is the California of the gold-searching and wild days of the 50's. The story is a stirring one, telling of the Spanish beauty's love for an American mining official, who at first spurns her. There are exciting scenes in gold camps and San Francisco cabarets, and the story of the girl's struggle for existence after the loss of her father is a pathetic one. Pola Negri is ably supported by a strong cast which includes Joseph Dowling, Youcca Troubetzkoy, Warner Oland, and Edwin J. Brady.

A Mack Sennett comedy "And a Gunshot Graphic" reveals all out the programme.

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Twenty South American Republics are combining to present to Spain an allegorical monument for erection in Madrid.

Malayan imports of dutiable drinks and tobacco during the first quarter of the current year had a total value of \$1,342,353, as against \$1,250,221 in the corresponding period of 1926.

At the annual meeting of the Herefordshire Coursing Club only one meeting was arranged for the present, because, it was stated, the county was being stripped of greyhounds as the result of electrical greyhound racing.

A shark measuring over seven feet has been found dead in the Manchester Ship Canal close to the Eastham Locks. It was alive when it came into the canal, and was apparently killed by the propeller of a passing ship.

The Congress of British Trade Unions, before adjourning, is said to have accepted a resolution which ordered the General Council of the Union to promote public opinion in favour of a consolidation of Europe into an economic unit.

"The Gospel message will be preached in the 'good old fashioned way' by Evangelist Carter, converted comedian, daily at 5 p.m. beginning Tuesday, October 4, at Martyr's Memorial Hall, Y.M.C.A., 201 Szechuen Road."—S.T.

The French law courts have decided that cultivated pearls, generally known as "Japanese pearls," cannot be sold as real pearls since they are not the unadorned work of the oyster, but "contain in their interior an important nucleus of foreign matter."

A considerable number of Americans sign temperance pledges before they leave for Europe, according to Mr. William Hamblin, a visitor from the U.S.A., who is now in London. "It frequently happens that it is the wife who persuades the husband to sign the pledge that he will abstain from the pleasant amenities of the table while he is in Europe," he says. "Sometimes he signs the pledge and keeps it. Sometimes he only does the former."

An engine weighing 135 tons was in three seconds whirled fifty feet into the air by the strongest crane in Cardiff, and dropped gently on to the deck of the Chicago City for a trip to America. The engine, the new G. W. R. King George V. is claimed to be the strongest combination for speed and power in the world. It is going to America for the Railway Centenary Exhibition and incidentally, as one of the engineers said, "to show the land of hustle what speed really means."

Britain's debt to the United States, if paid all at once in gold, would weigh 6,700 tons.

Part of a fossilized reptile of the Secondary Period has been found near Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

North Point and Tai Wan Bay Bathing Beaches will close at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 16th inst., and Kennedy Town Beach will close at 7 p.m. on Monday, 24th inst.



Clarence Chamberlain, trans-Atlantic flier, who created a sensation by flying in knickers, which he wore most of the time until he returned to America, discarded them to don robes to receive an honorary degree in engineering from the Iowa State College, from which he graduated before taking off flying.

Prof. E. Ariam Williams, Secretary to Post Rabindranath Tagore, is sailing from Singapore for Bangkok in connection with the proposed visit of the Poet to Siam. His address will be care of British Consul, Bangkok. He expects to spend a few days in Malaya on his way back to India about the middle of this month.

Pictures showing in the Colony's three principal cinemas for the last time to-day are "Flower of Night" at the Queen's Theatre, with Pola Negri; "Jazzmania" at the Star Theatre, with Mae Murray; "The Country Kid" at the World Theatre, with Wesley Barry. "The Country Kid" is being screened at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances only, the picture at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances being the Chinese drama "Man Lee Chum."

A Calcutta message states that the Bengal Nagpur Railway workshops at Khargpur are re-opening on October 13.—Reuter.

A National Y.M.C.A. day is being held to-day to raise funds for the Association's work, particularly in Shanghai and for the Rhine Armies of Occupation. An appeal is made for £50,000 by the end of the year.—Reuter.

When Shanghai's emergency has passed and the hope of peace perches on local roofs there are going to be a lot of old army huts which will rank among Shanghai's civil architecture. A start has already been made. The Headquarters of the North China Command are advertising for sale, by tender, six large army huts which hitherto have constituted Del Monte Camp at 452 Avenue Haig. The huts are 63 feet by 21 feet.—N.C.D.N.

The big British aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Hermes," created much interest when it reached Penang recently en route to England. Large crowds thronged the waterfront when the vessel arrived and two seaplanes were lowered from the vessel and made a flight over Penang. A fancy dress ball was held at the Penang Club in honour of the ship's officers. The "Hermes" was formerly in Shanghai and put into Penang on her way home.

At a theatrical performance on Monday night, given at the Kau U Fong theatre by the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserves in celebration of the anniversary of the Chinese Republic, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government was present, accompanied by Mrs. Southern. Among others present were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Lady Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall. A Guard of Honour of thirty reservists was posted outside the theatre, with Mr. F. C. Mowfung (Assistant Superintendent) and Inspector G. H. Thomas in charge.

The report of the year's working of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd. for presentation at the annual meeting on October 22 states that the profit for the year amounted to \$14,280.43 which the Directors recommend should be deducted from the debit balance brought forward from last year, thus reducing the balance to \$27,005.05. The report also states that Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. Tang Kwan-shan resigned their seats on the Board on leaving the Colony. Mr. R. M. Austin had been invited to join the Board during the year. Mr. T. C. Weall and Mr. Ho Kow-tong, retiring directors, offer themselves for re-election as do Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The St. Andrew's "At Home" and concert, arranged for to-day, have been postponed until Friday.

Members are reminded that the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket Club will be held at the pavilion to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. C. L. Seitz has been co-opted a member of the Shanghai Municipal Economy Committee, according to an announcement in the Municipal Gazette.

Princess Astrid has given birth to a daughter, who has been named Josephine Charlotte. Princess Astrid, daughter of the King and Queen of Sweden, married the Crown Prince of Belgium about a year ago.

Mr. G. A. De Lisle Lee, Clarence King of Arms, who died suddenly, on September 12, at the age of 63, was particularly interested in Japanese art and heraldry, and on these subjects, as well as on their English counterparts, published several valuable works.

The marriage arranged between Mr. John Sinclair Green, only son of the late Mr. Herbert Green, of Kobe, and of Mrs. Charles A. Fraser, of 69, Crystal Palace Park Road, Sydenham, S.E., and Betty, daughter of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Dunbar, was to take place on Sept. 17 at St. Peter's Action Green.

The engagement is announced of Frederick Hazel only surviving son of the Rev. F. J. Fentycross, B.A., and Mrs. Fentycross, of Goring Heath, and of Una McLean, eldest daughter of J. H. Gubbins, C.M.G., late First Secretary and Japanese Secretary of the British Embassy in Japan, and the late Mrs. Gubbins.

Major-General H. Ninomiya, since 1925 Military Attaché to the Imperial Japanese Embassy, London, left for Japan on August 31 to take command of an Infantry Brigade of 1st Division in Tokyo. General Ninomiya, who fought in the Russo-Japanese War, was attached to the British Army in France in 1914. He was a member of the Reception Committee when Prince Arthur of Connaught visited Japan in 1918 to take a Field-Marshal's baton to the late Emperor of Japan. His successor in London will be Colonel the Marquis Masuda, who is expected to arrive in London about the end of this month.



Governor-General and Lady Willingdon are officially visiting the United States, reaching Washington on December 8. They will stay at the Canadian Legation. The visit is unique, it being the first time that His Majesty's representative in Canada will have visited the Dominion Minister at Washington.

Passengers aboard the "President Pierce," which is en route to San Francisco, include: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Hoover, travelling to Europe. Mr. Hoover is the American Consul-General in Batavia, Java; Mr. H. L. Monks, representative of the Parkersburg Rig and Reel Co., Parkersburg, West Virginia, going home to the United States; Rev. Yung T. Park, formerly Pastor of the Congregational Church, Ladder Street, Hong Kong, travelling to the States on Mission work; Mr. B. E. Solomon, accountant of the Standard Oil Co. in Haiphong, Indo-China, travelling home to the United States on vacation; Mr. W. G. Stevens and Mr. V. A. Allen, travelling to the States. Formerly attached to the U.S. Navy, China Station, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, connected with Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Hong Kong, on a business trip to Shanghai; Mrs. A. W. Da Rosa and family, travelling to Shanghai; Mrs. Da Rosa is the wife of Mr. A. W. Da Rosa, well known share broker in Hong Kong; Mr. Robert Mahler, oriental manager for Messrs. Arkell & Douglas, Inc., Shanghai, returning to that port after a business trip down South; and Mr. H. W. Ray, managing director of the Hong Kong Amusement Co., on a business trip to Shanghai.

Horatio Bottomley begins a lecture tour throughout Britain at Queen's Hall, London, to-day, when the chair will be taken by the foreman of the jury at Bottomley's trial.

Mr. Monita, Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives, and seven members of the Diet, arrived in Shanghai from Japan on an inspection tour of Central and North China.

The "New York World" reports that Mr. William Poland, the American Director, has been appointed Administrator-General of Persia's finances, replacing Mr. Millsbaugh, who recently refused to renew his contract owing to curtailment of his powers by the Persian Government.

The King has given Mr. Arthur Herbert Duke, Director of the Assessed Revenue Department of the Siam Ministry of Finance, authority to wear the insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam, which decoration has been conferred on him by the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services.

Prince Ri, of Japan, or Korea, rather, observes in his name an admirable economy of syllables, hardly to be matched in Britain of more abundant terminology. It is not think there is a two-letter name to be found in the "London Directory," writes "Observer." If there is, it is probably some Wu or Li from the Far East. There is, however a Dr. Simon Van der Aa, who presided at the International Prison Congress a few years ago, though in his case the simplicity of the surname is counterbalanced by the weight of the prefixes.

Dumfriesshire, according to one of the society gossip writers, is probably one of the richest counties in Scotland. It is peopled largely with members of Jardine, Matheson, and Co., the big Chinese trading firm, who return from China to settle down there and enjoy their fortunes. Sir John Buchanan-Jardine lives at Castle Milk, and another member of the firm, Major Henry Kewwick, who sold his destroyer yacht, "Cutty Sark," to the Duke of Westminster, is a neighbour of Sir Stewart and Lady Stewart Clark, who were married this year. Sir Stewart is rather a playboy, and has been rather heavily involved in money matters. The Duke of Buccleuch and the Duchess of Argyll have been seen at the

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



There have been so many coats that have appeared throughout the Summer season to attract the roving eye of fashion, that it seems as though there could be little left in the way of novelty to offer a jaded public. Coats of almost every length, colour, width and line have made their successful appearances. They have been, in many cases, made to accompany just one frock in an ensemble idea, and have in other instances been made to serve any number of purposes.

The sports coat, as a rule, has led the field in favour. It has much in the way of chic, for its lines have been unusual as well as slender. There has often been present either a swagger of rather loose lines as well as a snugness of slenderising straight and simple silhouettes.

All fabrics are chosen for the season's sport coats. From rough silk, printed or plain, to jersey, kashas, twills and flannels, every material has made itself popular through much usage. Colours, too, have been varied. The pastel tints of afternoon sports to the striking shades employed in other coats, has left little to the imagination. Dark tones, too, have been seen in smart contrasts forming an ensemble of note.

And now along comes the reptile skin coat to point new ways to chic. It is varied in its colouring, giving either a beige and white or a grey and white aspect. The skins are placed to show great variety. Some are used horizontally in their designs while others run to vertical lines. They are usually cut straight and simple, depending upon their skins for distinction. Fabrics are often used as trimmings on collars, cuffs and pockets and form effective colour contrasts.

Dorothy Mackall wears an extremely smart snakeskin coat that has for its own trimming a brown kid belt. The tones in general are in beige tint, and Miss Mackall wears a soft beige felt hat to accompany the coat. She wears this chic ensemble in her latest First National picture, "The Crystal Cup."

CHAT ON HATS.

Shorn locks, the boyish slenderizing tendency of to-day's feminine apparel and the short skirts of this young age demand an entirely original type of hat never before been designed. Added to these the prerequisites of the entire spirit of the times. The non-chalance of the world's attitude to-day towards life has its effect on hat designs.

The old heavy sober looking solid blue or black or of stiff straw is entirely out of the picture. To-day's hat must have a subtle, airy lightness about it—as if it took life lightly and jauntily.

Crowns First. Though it may seem a contradiction, the crown of a big hat is the first consideration, both from the designer and the woman who buys it. For the manner in which the crown hugs the bobbed head and

The blouse, as it is created by Paris inspiration, is decidedly more interesting than was the simple shirt or gilet which has been the accepted model in past years. In many cases of the Paris creations, the blouse is apparently a three-quarter part of the entire costume, covering the hips, over a simple skirt finely pleated.

There are many types of blouses seen to intrigue shoppers and their uses are many. They may, apparently, make the entire costume by chic lines, or may appear as just a part of a smart ensemble.

One blouse, practical for many occasions, is made to blouse at a low waistline and is drawn snug about the hips with the material tucked in. The upper part of the blouse is a bolero, rounded at neck and bottom, with long, narrow sleeves. A tie treatment at the neck is a chic detail of this blouse that is effective in many other models.

The morning wardrobe, which calls for a blouse of tailored design, often uses one possessing a pleated bosom in a heavy white satin. A monogram is a smart de-

tails the face contour has more to do with chic than any other one thing.

Of course a woman must consider the width, depth and shape of the brim. A woman's height and general build is a guide to good taste in this. No large hat this year should have a regular cartwheel brim. Sides wider than the front and back, gently sloping irregular and cutout brims accentuate the beauty and add grace to the wearer. The picture hat that has a too wide brim for its wearer to carry gracefully is all wrong.

In Manila, the climate is to the advantage of the wide brimmed hat. It is graceful and practical to wear and the opportunity to wear the most becoming hat of all should not be ignored.

Three of the prettiest hats I have seen this year are offered in a smart local shop. They give diversity of shape, material and trimming.

For afternoon wear at the polo club or formal tea is the woody brown silk horsehair braid hat, just the tone of milady's dress and matching her eyes also. It has a wide right side that tilts slightly, a short front and a slightly roll-

tail that adds to the effectiveness of this tailored model with its long sleeves, mannish collar and narrow bow tie at the neck.

Pin tucks, that form an interesting yoke, are the feature of another informal type of blouse. It also has a binding in a contrasting colour at the unusual neck, sleeve cuff and belt at the bottom of the waist.

White jersey, too, forms an exceedingly smart blouse when it shows a geometric pattern painted in either pastel or vivid tones and accompanies a pleated skirt of silk or wool crepe, according to the individual taste.

Crepe satin, used on both its sides for contrast, offers another interesting type of blouse. Simplicity expresses its charm with fine lines used to accompany a pleated skirt of silk.

More formal in tone, and to be used for more than one occasion is the blouse of white georgette with stripes of white satin inset. By means of fine hand hemstitching, its simple aspect makes it possible for sports while the delicacy of its details also makes it acceptable for more formal purposes.

Chiffons, printed silks and crepes in all sorts of lovely designs are used to accompany skirts in a harmonising manner.

Lanes, satins, brocaded fabrics and other materials suited to the formal mode appear, too, accompanying skirts of a formal nature. Long tie ends at the waist, sleeves quaintly designed and necks of interest are usually features of the formal blouse.

Lilyan Tashman, seen in the First National film, "The Prince of Headwaters," wears a lame blouse of decided appeal and formal qualities.

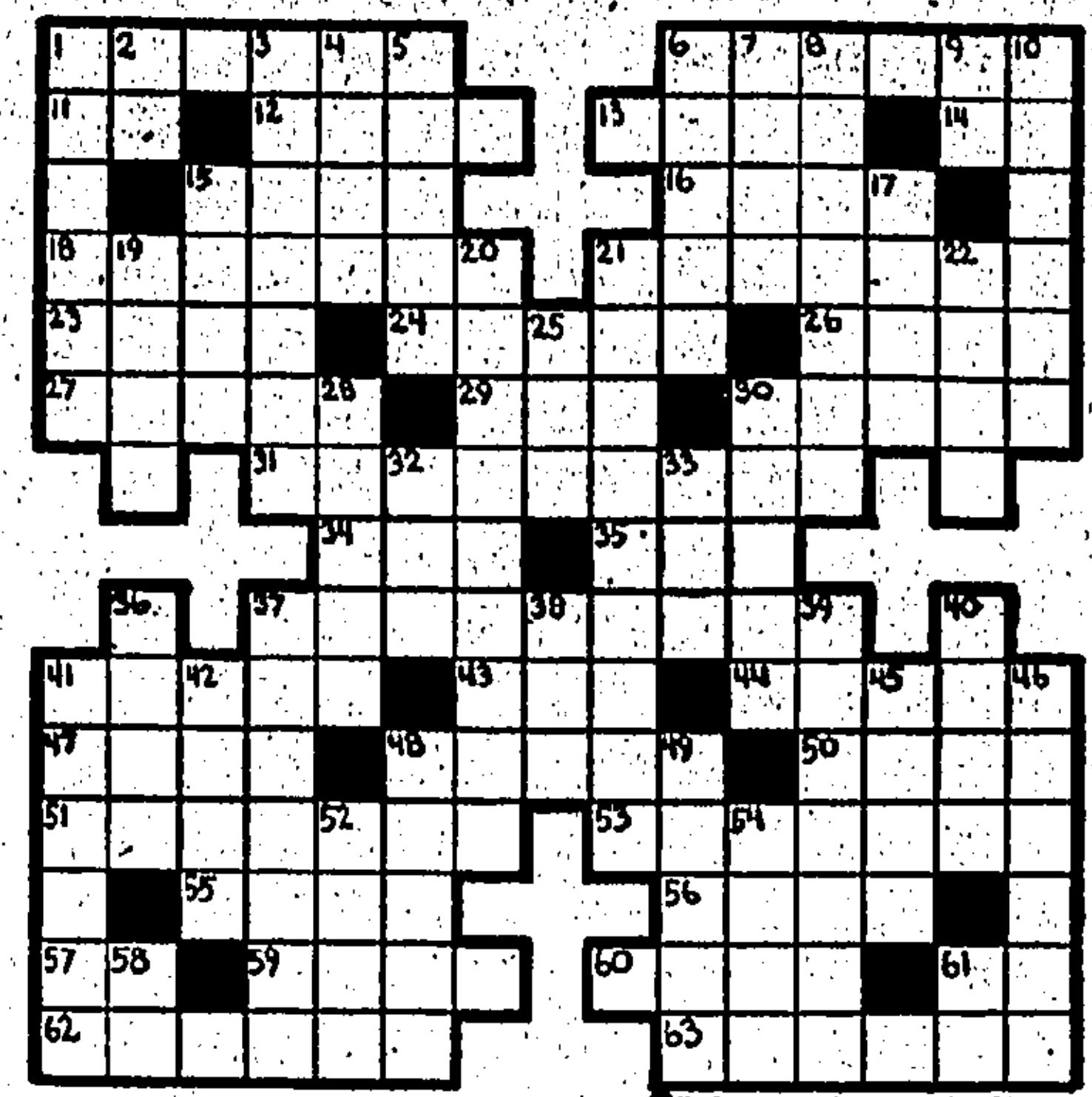
ing back brim. Its crown fits snugly. Around its brim lies an exquisite wreath of autumn leaves, of hand painted velvet, with just enough of a touch of orange to please.

Mushroom Shape. The white punta straw simulates the popular felt in its pinched crown and cut-away back. It has a smart flange of white felt around the crown forming a top facing which crosses in the back to fashion a perky bow. This hat is ideal for sun wear with white or pastel shaded frocks.

Most feminine of all and there-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Woodland
- 2-Leaped
- 3-Pretext
- 4-Case for carrying small articles (Fr.)
- 5-Personal pronoun (old form)
- 6-Gold (chem. sym.)
- 7-Combining form
- 8-Time-period (pl.)
- 9-Blustering
- 10-What element has "ir" as its symbol?
- 11-A city, scene of battle, Milan province, Italy
- 12-Magnificent
- 13-What is the language of the Scottish Highlanders?
- 14-Make level
- 15-Public notices (abbr.)
- 16-Doctrine
- 17-What are small glands called?
- 18-Best of burden
- 19-A color
- 20-Utters with an aspirate
- 21-What is one of five equal parts?
- 22-An age

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 23-What country once possessed Cuba?
- 24-An approach
- 25-In cricket, a glancing hit
- 26-Wide-mouthed earthenware jar
- 27-A small, close-fitting helmet
- 28-To supplicate
- 29-What is the tallest of plants?
- 30-One of the grains for "and?"
- 31-A noted American civil engineer
- 32-A land measure
- 33-A musical note
- 34-Varicose
- 35-A famous brook, now dry, E. of Jerusalem

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 36-One of the continents (abbr.)
- 37-Stuck with gum
- 38-A father
- 39-To caress
- 40-Of short duration
- 41-Guaranty or pledge
- 42-Employed
- 43-To say or write further
- 44-To slit
- 45-Yield
- 46-A serpent
- 47-To permit
- 48-Girl's name
- 49-Avowed
- 50-What is the French for "king?"
- 51-Frolicked
- 52-A river of Arizona
- 53-What are improbable stories called?
- 54-Doubled up hand
- 55-A drink (pl.)
- 56-What Hebrew prophet rebuked David?
- 57-Shabby
- 58-To strike
- 59-Not far
- 60-A weed
- 61-A week-day (abbr.)
- 62-Behalf

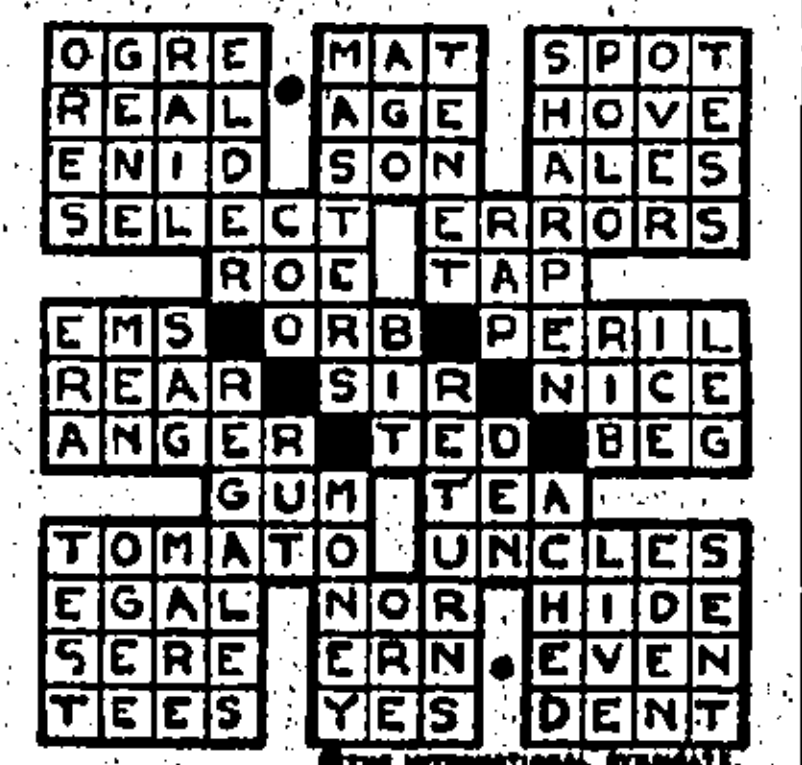
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

fore perhaps the most charming is the dainty acorn Swiss braid hat, mushroom in shape with a wistful droop to its brim. The very latest of trimmings decorate it—a down pink satin ribbon around its crown ending in a sailor knot with its end falling softly over the edge of the side brim. A crystal gardenia, perfect imitation of the real thing and even lovelier nestles by the knot.

Flowers Match Frocks. For the more informal type of big hat, flowered materials matching frocks are used either for crown brim or inserts in straw. Laces are good also, used in combination with soft chiffons and georgettes.

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AVIATION PROGRESS.

CURRENT RECORD OF EVENTS.

London, Sept. 1.
It is greatly to be deplored that the attitude of the Treasury towards the expense involved prevented anything like a representative British aircraft exhibit being sent to the International Air Exhibition at Copenhagen. The Air Ministry were well disposed towards giving financial assistance, so that a fully representative collection of machines and engines could be sent out, but sanction was refused to the expenditure of the few thousands required, and thus another opportunity of maintaining national prestige at an Exhibition where other nations were present in force was lost to a large extent.

A fine exhibit was, however, staged by Armstrong Siddeley Motors, including examples of their range of air-cooled engines. The best known is, of course, the Jaguar, which is extensively used by the Royal Air Force, and has Cobham's great flights to its credit. It is a 14-cylinder engine, arranged in two banks of 7 cylinders, and it develops 385-475 h.p. at a normal speed of 1,700 R.P.M. Next in the range comes the 7 cylinder Lynx of 180 h.p. The Mongoose is a medium powered 5 cylinder radial engine developing 125 h.p.; while the smallest of the range, the Genet, develops 65-75 h.p. at 1,820 R.P.M. for a weight of only 175 lbs.

An interesting feature of these engines is that a number of the parts of the various types are interchangeable, so that, when several units of the series are employed, there is no need to stock a full supply of spare parts for each engine. Thus the Lynx is, to all intents and purposes, half the Jaguar, while the cylinders and associated parts of the Mongoose are also interchangeable with the Lynx and the Jaguar.

The Jaguar has made a name for itself as the power unit for private owners' and flying clubs' machines. "Outstanding Features of Napier Lion.

The three essentials in an aeroplane are speed, capacity for manoeuvre and reliability, and it is interesting to note the fulfilment of these points by the well-known Napier Lion engines.

Although nominally rated at 450 h.p., the Lion actually develops 502 h.p. at 2,200 R.P.M. and this high power is obtained with the low weight of 1.8 lb. per horse-power developed. At the same time its design is so compact that it is particularly easy to install and to streamline, thereby adding considerably to the efficiency of machines to which it is fitted.

On long distance service flights, and in every-day commercial flying, this type has given repeated proofs of its absolute reliability. On two separate occasions, 4 machines have flown from Cairo to Cape Town and back; in each case the engines used were standard Napier engines from stores without any special tuning, and, on both occasions, all the engines came through without giving the slightest trouble.

As for civil aviation, it is significant that, since the air services to the Continent were inaugurated at no time have the representative lines been without a number of air liners driven by Napier Lion engines.

Use of Aluminium.
The latest Rolls-Royce engine, known as the F.10, has recently successfully completed its official test of 100 hours at the first attempt, and has been granted an airworthiness certificate.

The Rolls-Royce F.10 is a 12-cylinder "Vee" engine of 5 in. bore and 5.5 in. stroke, in which aluminium has been very largely employed. Each block of six cylinders is formed from one aluminium casting of a special alloy, with inserted steel cylinder barrels, in direct contact with the cooling water. The cylinder heads and gas passages are formed integrally with the cylinder castings, and inserted seatings are used for the two inlet and two exhaust valves in each cylinder. The cylinder blocks are secured to the crank chamber by long studs passing through the complete depth of the cylinder casting, and they are bolted to the crank chamber by means of angles formed on the cylinder heads.

The crankshaft is arranged to be coupled at the driving end, either to propeller shaft carried in an extension piece bolted to the crank-chamber, or to the pinion of a spur gear reduction gear by means of the patented RR drive, which relieves the shaft of all bearing loads due to the gear.

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Growth of Flying Meetings.
"Standing" in formation has proved one of the features of the aviation meetings held in England during the summer. At the R.A.F.

Display at Hendon, for instance, specially trained instructors performed amazing evolutions on their Armstrong Siddeley engined D.H. Moths. These little machines not only flew but also "looped," wing tip to wing tip, with absolute accuracy, but perhaps the most sensational feat was spinning in formation. Machines came out of their corker dives, all facing in the same direction, and all engines restarted as if switched on by a single unseen hand. These machines and engines are to be standardised in the R.A.F.

Among the new experimental aircraft shown at Hendon this year were the De Havilland-Napier "Hound," a new type of two-seater general purpose machine, and the Fairley Napier IIF two-seater day bomber, both of which are faster machines than any of the service single-seaters.

Claimed to be the fastest two-seater machine in the world, and bearing a striking resemblance to its baby brother, the popular Moth, the "Hound" has an astonishing rate of climb. It is fitted with a Napier Lion engine, developing some 552 h.p. The well-known racing pilot, Captain H. S. Broad, was responsible for putting this latest D.H. production through its test flights.

The wireless arrangements at Hendon this year were on a very complete scale. A Marconi Reisz microphone picked up the music from the R.A.F. band and amplified it by means of a very powerful installation of Marconiphone Public Address Amplifiers, in which over 80 power valves, fifty 6-volt car batteries, and 2,500 volts of H.T. accumulators were required, the weight of the apparatus exceeding three tons.

From the amplifiers the music was sent over several miles of wire to various points in the aerodrome, and reproduced through 24 giant loud speakers. At the same time it was passed on to an R.A.F. short wave transmitting station, which broadcast it to the machines taking part. Each aeroplane participating was fitted with a receiving set so that the pilots were able to carry out their evolutions in time with the music. Orders transmitted by the Squadron leaders were picked up at three points on the ground, and broadcast to all parts of the aerodrome, and spectators were thus kept closely in touch with the proceedings.

Sight-Seeing "De Luxe."
London always does its best to provide entertainment for its visitors, and this summer a new thrill was staged by Imperial Airways, who arranged a series of tea flights over the Metropolis in one of their giant Argosy air liners.

These 20-seater machines, which are fitted with three Armstrong Siddeley Jaguar air-cooled engines, developing 1,200 h.p., carry a steward and a buffet for refreshments. The main cabin is some 29 ft. long and 6 ft. high, the passengers sitting on either side of a central gangway. Extensive views are obtained through the long side windows.

Described as an air yacht, the new Fokker monoplane, built for Mr. H. S. Vanderbilt, enables its five passengers to obtain a fine view of the landscape and seascapes, over which they are passing, from their glass cabin. This cabin is fitted with easy chairs and the floor is carpeted with thick pile rugs, and altogether the machine is considered the most luxurious of its type ever constructed.

It is fitted with a Napier engine and is capable of a maximum speed of 115 m.p.h. and can cruise for five hours at 90 m.p.h.

DIED FOR VALENTINO!
Genoa, Sept. 9.

"Rudolph, I die for you!" cried Teresa Dagnino, aged 17, movie fan and faithful admirer of the famous sheik of the pictures, as two railroad men dragged her from under the wheels of a freight train passing through the station here.

Signorina Dagnino, whose effort at romantic suicide only resulted in some cuts and bruises, chose the week of the anniversary of "Ruddy's death" to immortalise herself on the altar of love for the famous movie star.

When taken to the hospital, a photo of Rudolph was found sewn into her dress over her heart. The anniversary of Valentino's death was signalled by long queues of women at the picture palaces, waiting to see revived Rudolph films being run in memory of the recurrence of the actor's death.—United Press.

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RUSSIA'S DRIVE.

ASPIRATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.

Among the mass of literature on China, good, bad and indifferent, which has flooded the market during the last couple of years, we have seen no clearer or better balanced statement of the position in that chaotic land than that of Mr. H. K. Norton. An American lawyer, his book "China and the Powers" (recently published by Allen and Unwin, Ltd.) is the fruit of extensive travel in the Far East, special study of its knotty problems and the ability, sadly lacking in many writers, to arrange his matter and set out his conclusions with lucidity. There is no space here to deal with the terrible picture he has painted of the devastating effects of the civil war. That is familiar to our readers. Nor can we deal with his justification of the various foreign rights and privileges or his well-told story of England's relations with China. What has caught the eye is his story of Russia's drive to the Pacific, and this is told in one of the best chapters of the book.

Clear evidence of Russia's aspirations in this direction was recently found by the Chinese authorities among the documents captured in the Soviet raid at Peking. One of these, addressed to Longva, the Soviet military Attaché in Peking, setting forth the aims of the Russian Intelligence Department in China, defined the direction and scope of the work in two factors, (1) The possibility of wars between the U.S.S.R. and Japan and China, and (2), the possibility of developing a revolutionary movement in China which would contribute to the weakening of Imperialism in Europe and the New World. The first factor dictated the necessity of a very minute study of North China and Korea as the region for a future war, while the second dictated the necessity of a similar study of the rest of China as a source of supply and as providing possible active allies for the U.S.S.R. in its war against Japan, England, America and others. Mr. Norton's view that the Soviet Government has been carrying on its subversive Bolshevik propaganda in China mainly with an eye to territorial plunder is borne out by the timely discovery of this document. He maintains that in its ultimate aims, Soviet policy in the Far East is identical with that of the old Tsarist regime.

The instruments are different, the technique is altered, but the goal remains the same. Each policy is but the natural expression of the mighty economic impulse of the Russian mass towards free access to the open sea.... In their Far Eastern policy, if nowhere else, the Soviet authorities have the approval, albeit grudgingly given, of the exiled groups of Russian politicians. No further upheaval in Russia is going to bring into power a Government that will have any less aggressive policy in the Far East. Whether the cap he wears be that of Tsarist or Bolshevik, Cadet or Menshevik, the Russian Bear is in Eastern Asia, determined to bath his paws once more in the salubrious waters of the Yellow Sea.

Mr. Norton foresees a struggle of outburst between Russia and Japan for supremacy in Eastern Asia. Russia will never rest, he says, until she has established her power on the Pacific; Japan will never surrender her dream of an empire on the Asian mainland. As far as China is concerned Mr. Norton considers the immediate outlook to be dark in the extreme. Such hope as the author has he places in the Young China movement, once it has "cast aside its adolescent obsessions." It is to this movement that he looks to achieve a moral and intellectual renaissance among the Chinese people, to give them a national consciousness and to establish a modern constitutional state on the ruins of the old theocratic empire.—"China Express and Telegraph."

ROPE OF HUMAN HAIR.
A yachtsman's inquiry at the Bethnal Green Museum concerning a rope of human hair, which has been stored away for many years, has resulted in the exhibiting to the public of a Japanese relic of great interest.

The rope, which weighs five hundredweight, is over seven hundred feet long and was bequeathed to the museum fifty years ago by a Mr. E. Watson, a British merchant in Yokohama. Mr. Arthur K. Sabli, curator of the museum, gives the following history of the rope:—About 1892 the Government of the then "Lyonnais" wanted a rope of considerable strength for some particular purpose. From 1888 to 1889 all the available women's hair from the province was collected and utilised for the making of the rope. When the "Lyonnais" and his Government gave way to that of the Mikado, the more enlightened ruler, having discovered that there were such things as good hair, rejected the hair of the women.

MINIATURE ENGINE.
A practical, miniature locomotive, six inches long but exactly like the standard engine of the French State Railway, has been built by a French mechanic, M. Melchior. He has built the engine to a scale of 1/80th of normal. It weighs 12 ounces and is made of brass. Much of the work had to be done under a magnifying glass. He was working on it for some time, and the engine is now ready for use.

NORMAN RIVALRY.
BETWEEN TWO RESORTS IN ENGLAND.
A contest is going on for the Norman championship of England. Both Hastings and Bexhill, which are on the Southeast coast, claim that William the Conqueror landed first within their precincts.

Nine hundred years ago, it seems, William the Conqueror was born, Hastings celebrated the event by inviting several Mayors of Norman towns in France to visit her. Bexhill at once rose in arms. She immediately organised a week's festival to commemorate the 900th anniversary. The Mayors of Sussex are backing Bexhill.

Bexhill points to Doomsday Book, which was compiled by William the Conqueror, and refers to Hastings as "a little place close to Bexhill." The historical rivalry of the two towns is carried out in their commercial rivalry. Each is a seaside resort of some note.

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FATAL FIRE.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Orion, Sept. 28.
Two children, a boy aged four and a girl two years old, were burned to death when their house was reduced to ashes at Stilo Mamala, Orion, yesterday. Mrs. Eusebio Julian, a widow and mother of the children, had just finished cooking their lunch and left the two children alone in the house while she went out to bathe and fetch some drinking water. When she returned she saw the house on fire and shouted for help but all efforts of the people to rescue the children proved fruitless as the thatched roof made of cogon grass and the nipa walls burned rapidly.—National News Service.

ART LIFE OF RUSSIA.

"BRITAIN 50 YEARS BEHIND."

"The artistic life of Russia today is simply marvellous. The events of the last few years have deepened the character of the people and concentrated their energies in spiritual channels. England is, artistically, fifty years behind the Russia of to-day."

This was the statement made to a "Daily Express" representative by Mr. Albert Coates, the famous conductor, who was head of the Russian Imperial Opera from 1910 to 1913, and who has just returned from another visit to Russia. Mr. Coates is conducting this autumn the Rimsky-Korsakov opera on Mozart which Mr. C. B. Cochran is producing in the Albert Hall, and which will then be performed for the first time outside of Russia.

"We have everything to learn from the Russians," said Mr. Coates. "Mr. Cochran has been so interested in what I have told him that he is going out with me next year to see what ideas he can pick up in the Russian theatre. We hope to start in April."

"In the course of two and a half months in Leningrad I conducted at thirty odd performances, and every one of them was packed. They were thrilling audiences, intent the whole time. The opera and the theatres are all crammed. One of their favourite authors is Shaw—they are simply crazy on him."

Theatre "Decoration."
"New forms of art are being tried out every day. There is one theatre in Leningrad which is wholly given over to artistic experiments, and far from being empty, it is crowded out regularly. The Russians have pushed symbolic decoration to its furthest extent. You often see a stage absolutely bare of furniture, and decorated only with great symbolic designs."

"I saw the production of a new German opera in which the harsh spirit of modernity was symbolised in the decorations which were made entirely of steel, there being a revolving central stage, in the middle of the main stage to save scene-shifting."

"I hope to bring something of the spirit of Russia to England in the Albert Hall this year. Before the opera itself there will be three choral and orchestral items from Mozart's 'Requiem' which will be sung by a choir of 1,000. I think the largest trained choir that can have ever sung. There will also be items from other Russian operas."

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taken it acted the part of the moon at the moment of totality, completely covering the sun. The problem was, however, not so simple as it sounds. The slightest ray of unwanted light had to be stopped from finding its way round the artificial moon to the sensitive plate. There was also the problem of atmospheric refraction.

"An experiment of this kind would be quite impossible in London," said Dr. Stevenson, because of the dust, smoke, and water vapour in the air. At this height dust and smoke disappear, and water vapour is much reduced. I picked on the Gornergrat mountain after consultation with meteorologists."

Frozen Hands.
Much hard work was done in the freezing temperature of the snow mountain before the two astronomers could put their theory to the test. They had to lie out at night adjusting instruments on stars with frozen hands. They had to solve all manner of difficulties, such as the gathering of moisture on the camera lens when the sun shone.

The day arrived at length when the artificial moon was put in action. The first photograph was taken with a yellow screen and a panchromatic plate. The astronomers hurried with it in excitement to the dark room. Would it show the corona? It was so cold that the photograph had to be developed with relays of hot-water bottles round the developing dish. The photograph was excellent, but not up to the expected standard. Many other trials were made.

One morning the astronomers awakened to find their instruments lying under three inches of snow. They persevered under the most trying conditions, using red and ruby screens instead of yellow. Even on cloudless days they observed ice spectacles near the sun.

Dr. Stevenson refuses to say whether his attempt to create an artificial eclipse has been successful until he has had time to study the data obtained. All the plates show rings of light which differ with the screens used. They will have to be subjected to closer study and compared carefully with totally pictures before any judgment can be given.

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WAR SCARRED.

We are now used to the war-scarred appearance of Piccadilly, but unexpected incidents are always happening there. One day last week I was surprised to see a perfectly turned out young man in a shiny "topper" go up to a group of navvies and shake one of them vigorously by the hand (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer).

The man's face broke into smiles—the simple explanation of the episode was that they had been officer and batman together in France. The ex-officer was full of "Do you remember," whilst the navy murmured:—

"It must be 10 years ago, just after the Messines Ridge stunt. Ten years!"

Then he added, looking down at the pipe-lined excavations:—"Still in the trenches, you see, sir!"

IN RYE CHURCH.

Few places in all England are more delightful than Rye, in Sussex, and few buildings more engaging than its ancient parish church (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). It is good to learn, therefore, that the recently-discovered fourteenth-century staircase and long-forgotten chamber are to be put into proper order. The work so far has disclosed some interesting additional details, and much might still be written on the "poor men's gallery" of Elizabethan date, the chancel house and the quaint windows here in situ. For this time-honoured edifice shows the architecture of every century since earliest Norman times. We may conclude that the work of restoration will, as according to Ruskin, be reanimation also, and in sympathy with the past.

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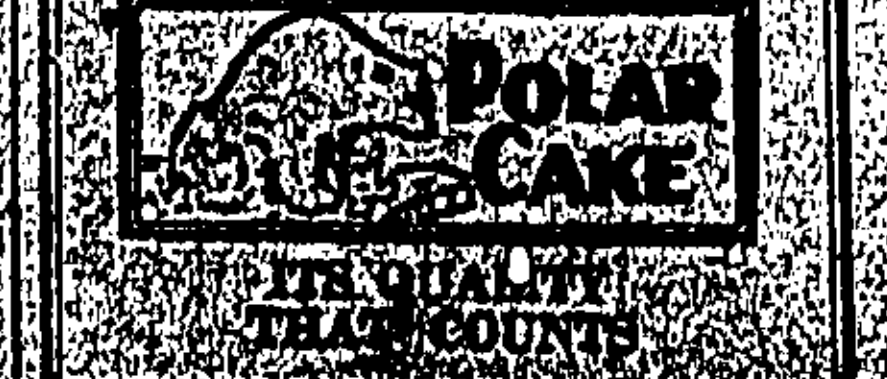
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NEW CLOCK.

"BIG BEN OF THE FAR EAST."

TO TOWER ON SHANGHAI BUND

Packed with infinite care and resource in many cases and craters, the gigantic clock which is to surmount the tower of the Shanghai Custom House, now nearing completion on the Bund, has started out on its long journey from the works of its makers in England to Shanghai, according to information from Home.

In this case, time will weigh heavy on the pinnacle of the beautiful grey structure now towering above the many impressive buildings constituting Shanghai's Bundline. The clock, machinery and dials together weigh 14 tons and the five bells which will chime out the quarters and hours weigh 16 tons, making the total weight of the timepiece 30 tons when packed. And the heaviest of all facts, the new clock is guaranteed not to lose more than 15 seconds per month.

When installed the new clock will be the Big Ben of the Far East for nothing approaching its size is to be seen in any other city in this part of the world. With movements ponderous and impressive and chimes which will tell its message of inevitability with the splendour of cathedral bells to Shanghai and its shipping, the new clock will pound out the truth of the poet's declaration.

Constructed by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Company of Whitechurch, England, who obtained the contract for it in international competition, a year has been spent on its construction and the clock and bells which will chime out loud and musically the hours for busy Shanghai were due to leave England at the middle of August. The clock will be erected in Shanghai, says the local "Times" under the personal supervision of Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Company, who was due to sail from Liverpool on the Blue Funnel steamer "Sarpidon" on September 17. Mr. Joyce is due to arrive in Shanghai on October 24 and it will take him somewhere in the vicinity of two months completely to install the giant timepiece by which Shanghai will regulate its bustling commercial existence.

CHINESE PORCELAIN.

AN ART OF ANTIQUITY.

The Chinese have manufactured porcelain for upwards of eighteen hundred years, and their ancient history shows that early rulers were chosen because of their skill as potters rather than for any administrative ability. The Chinese themselves credit their Emperor Hoang-ti, who is reported to have come to the throne in the year 2698 B.C., with the invention of pottery. The actual date when porcelain was first made in China is uncertain, but there is reason to believe that it was in use for sixteen hundred years before the process of manufacture was discovered in France. The Chinese are a wonderful people, as is well known, and were even using movable types, made of baked clay, over a hundred years before Gutenberg's discovery, but many of their old secrets have been forgotten. At one time illustrations on pieces of their pottery were invisible until liquid was poured into the vessel, but the method of producing this remarkable effect has been lost, with the secret of making the thin blue porcelain of T'ch'ai, once so valuable that even broken pieces were preserved and worn as ornaments. But although secrets have been lost many others remain and are still in use, and it is to the credit of the country that the name of each artist of note connected with the industry has been remembered. Every piece of Chinese porcelain was dated until 1677; the custom, which had been observed for six centuries, was finally abolished because it was considered that the breaking of a piece bearing the current date was an insult to the reigning monarch.

According to an old Chinese record that has been translated the emperors were big buyers of porcelain, one having ordered 31,000 dishes, while orders for ten or twelve thousand pieces appear frequently, but there is no information available as to whether this enormous quantity of crockery was actually used, broken, or sold.

MONEY DISPLAY.

CRITICISM AROUSED IN PARIS.

The growing practice of cramming crumpled banknotes into one's pocket has aroused criticism in Paris. Americans are blamed for setting the example.

This apparent contempt for money, says one objector, is becoming too common and the blatantly rich and those who would be thought so "pull out handfuls of bills in which thousands of franc notes are mixed with five franc bills. This grand gesture is often intended as a play to the gallery."

Although Americans are accused of originating the habit, the French who have adopted the practice get the bulk of the blame.

THE NEW KOREA.

IF THINGS HAD BEEN DIFFERENT.

Reference has already been made in these columns to a book entitled "The New Korea," in which the American author, Mr. Allynne Ireland, gives praise to Japan for the work she has done in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

Reviewing the work in the "Daily News," Mr. Stuart Hodgson says: "It is an amusing and not altogether uninteresting pastime to imagine how different things might have been. If Alexander the Great had lived to be an old man, for instance, or George III had died a young one; if the Normans had lost at Hastings or the Germans won at the Marne; if Newton had been born an imbecile instead of a genius, or Charles I a genius instead of an imbecile. But none of these suppositions seems to me to conjure up such solemn thoughts as those suggested by the expedition of Hideyoshi, the Japanese Napoleon, to Korea in 1592. The Koreans happened to have a number of large wooden ships which they had plied with iron, and just as his armies were sweeping all before him, a Korean admiral fell on Hideyoshi's fleet and destroyed it; and that was practically the end, for that time, of Japanese intervention in Korea. Very shortly afterwards Japan suddenly retired into her own house and bolted the door; and was no more seen by her neighbours for a couple of centuries or so. But if Hideyoshi had won, he would almost certainly have conquered China. Japanese armies might have appeared in India, while the British and the French and the Dutch were still struggling for the mastery there. Japan might have discovered Australia. She might have got into America long before the European really began to arrive there. And a Japanese America, you will admit, a solemn thought."

Instead she has merely at long last got into Korea. Mr. Ireland, a queer, dry, matter-of-fact writer with the mind of an excellent but slightly dried-up Colonial governor, is concerned to prove that Korea is the better for it. And I do not think the bare fact can be denied. In five years, 1919 to 1923, the Korean birth rate rose from nearly 23 per thousand to nearly 41 per thousand. The death rate fell from nearly 23 to considerably less than 20 per thousand. Between 1910 and 1923, the value of agricultural products (a vital matter to Korea) increased nearly five times. The foreign trade increased six times between 1912 and 1923, and deposits in the banks ten times. The number of students in schools increased between 191 and 1924 from 110,000 to 542,000. These are not the sort of figures which a grinding tyranny produces. There is no real room for doubt that the average Korean is far better off in almost every material and most intellectual respects than ever he was under his own old, corrupt, effete government. And it is not fair not to recognise the credit which is due for such a result to the wise conquerors; and especially to the able and public-spirited Governor-General Saito, to whom Mr. Ireland pays a just tribute.

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NEXT 'QUAKE.

IMPENDING CATASTROPHE IN PHILIPPINES.

A strong earthquake is here to take place in the Philippines soon judging from recent disturbances in the geotectonic line on which both Japan and the Philippines lie, according to Antonio Alvir, one of the foremost Filipino geologists, in a lecture on earthquakes at the University of the Philippines. The fact that the Islands has not had an earthquake for a long time is another reason to fear the approach of a strong earthquake, he said.

According to the theory of alternation of earthquakes, the Philippines is the most logical region to feel the reaction of the recent earthquake of Japan, he said. "After the earthquake of California in 1906, Dr. Omori, the great Japanese geologist, predicted that another earthquake would shock Chile which lies on the same structural line, as a reaction of the California quake," he said. "Not long after that prediction, one of the worst earthquakes shocked Chile and caused considerable damage. From the same principle, the Philippines should have the earthquake reaction of the Japanese disaster," he said.

Furthermore, according to the theory of periodicity of earthquakes, the Philippines must have an earthquake about due. The longer it is delayed the greater is the momentum gathered, and stronger the shock. The last earthquake felt in the Islands was in 1832, and the next periodical earthquake must have been considerably delayed, he said.

He also decried the apparent lack of attention being given to the structures built in the city. "Coupled with the fact that we lie on an earthquake belt, is the fact that Manila is resting on a foundation of loose sediment, which intensifies the shock of an earthquake more than a solid rock foundation," he said.

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A FINGER PRINT.

USED IN CHINESE DIVORCE ACTION.

Assistance of a local Chinese finger-print expert was employed in the recent hearing of an appeal in the Peking High Court against the decision of the lower court in a case for the confirmation of a divorce agreement.

Following a long standing domestic difference, Mrs. Chao, about 80 years old, secured a separation from her aged husband in the early part of this year. Mr. Chao paid a lump sum of \$100 as alimony, in consideration of which the woman made an agreement with Mr. Chao to the effect that the nuptial ties were at an end and that each might go his or her own way. As the woman was unable to write, she sealed the pact with one of her fingers as is the custom among illiterate Chinese.

Repudiates Agreement.

After a lapse of some six months the woman regretted her previous action and decided to ignore the agreement. She returned to the home of Mr. Chao and told him that she was still his wife and asked for support. Chao refused to recognise her claim and the case was thus brought before the court. At the trial Mr. Chao, who appeared as plaintiff, produced the divorce agreement and said that the finger-print thereon was that of the defendant. The defendant denied this and on this oral testimony the judge gave the verdict to her.

Decision Appealed.

The plaintiff then appealed against the decision in the High Court. After sifting all the relevant evidence the trial judge came to the conclusion that the whole question hinged on the issue whether the finger-print on the agreement was that of the defendant. He summoned Mr. Hsia Chan-shan, the finger-print expert in the police department, to testify. After careful examination, Hsia found that it corresponded to the middle finger of the right hand of the woman. The court is expected to reverse the decision of the court accordingly.

RICSHAS GOING.

DRIVEN OUT IN JAPAN BY TAXIS.

The 5-cent taxi is fast driving the ricksha from the streets of Tokyo and the other large cities in Japan. Ten years ago there were a thousand husky ricksha men yelling for fares for one taxi driver. To-day the taxi outnumbered the rickshas and other picturesque features of life in the Far East is disappearing before the march of Western ideas and hustle.

The number of motor cars in Tokyo has trebled since 1921, when there were 4,097 licensed. To-day there are 14,500. In 1921 the streets were filled with rickshas, to the number of 17,695. To-day that number has shrunk to 8,776, and these are mostly to be found in the suburbs.

The ricksha pullers of to-day are mostly old men, who cannot change their employment. No young man draws a ricksha any more, and in five years' time the last puller will have disappeared.

The ricksha was at the height in its popularity in Japan in 1900, when there were 300,000 in the country, 60,000 being in use in Tokyo.

JAPAN HOLOCAUST.

MEMORIES OF FOUR YEARS AGO.

Tokyo, Oct. 1. Four years and one month ago, at 11.58.44 a.m. September 1, 1923, Tokyo, Yokohama, and surrounding areas in Japan were devastated by a tremendous series of earthquakes—probably the greatest natural disaster in the history of the world.

To-day, after four years of continuous labour, traces of the disaster still remain. But they are rapidly disappearing before the industry of millions of Japanese who labour ceaselessly for the restoration of the Fatherland. Tokyo, once quaint capital of an Oriental Empire, is changing with marvellous rapidity to a replica of any great city of the west. Near skyscrapers rear high above broad and well paved motorised streets, roaring with modern traffic. New railway stations, many of them with all the efficient conveniences Japan has learned from America, have replaced the wooden structures of pre-earthquake days. The ricksha, once familiar in every Japanese thoroughfare, has all but disappeared.

Old Japan has turned the corner since the earthquake. New Japan, clad in garments of the western style, works in office and factory to hasten the process of removing the last traces of the disaster.

Yokohama and Tokyo have been rebuilt largely with money borrowed from the United States. The new is everywhere—and Japan likes it.

New Piers Built.

New piers have been built in Yokohama, a new and modern customs house greets the incoming tourists from America, a new hotel to replace the famous old Grand Hotel, rapidly is being completed. There is a new foreign club on the bund and new bridges, new buildings and new streets are everywhere. A new and broad modern highway, flowing with motor traffic, has been completed between the Tokyo and Yokohama boundary lines and is being extended into the heart of each city.

A year from to-day the great earthquake, and the terrible days of raging fires which followed it, will be little more than a memory. Reconstruction will have been completed.

Memorial services were held to-day throughout the Empire for the thousands who died in the disaster, Buddhist priests chanting a requiem for the dead. A statistical volume on the disaster, recently published by the Bureau of Social Affairs of the Home Office, states the total number of sufferers from the holocaust was 3,404,898. Of this number the killed, injured and missing totalled 156,698.

A repetition of the disaster, in the opinion of experts, is impossible. Wider streets, improved fire fighting equipment, more fireproof building construction, and increasing modernization of the country have assured greater safety for the millions living in Tokyo and Yokohama to-day. —United Press.

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FORTY-FIVE MEN FOUND ALIVE.

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Choutsun, Sept. 26. Twenty-five days ago a most serious accident occurred at a coal mine near Chiu Chuan. This mine at Hwa Wu Village is owned by Chinese. The shaft had been sunk near an old boring which was filled with water. There had long been a certain amount of seepage from the old mine into the newer shaft but it was not considered serious. However, the water suddenly burst its way into the shaft with the result that many men were drowned.

Pumps were secured from the big Sino-Japanese mines a few miles away but all hope of saving any of the miners had gone. Now after 25 days over 40 men were discovered alive. They had climbed into an upper level which kept them out of the water and had kept themselves alive by sipping water from their one day's rations that they had just taken down the mine, together with the water that was near at hand. They are stated to have eaten the earth but that sounds rather far fetched.

Several of the men succumbed on reaching the surface. The rest have been taken to the Japanese hospital at Chih Chuan where they are being well cared for. This unexpected and welcome discovery reduces the deaths from the accident to about 160.

A recent case of abducting was followed by swift action on the part of the military. They got word that their quarry was concealed in a disused temple and surrounded the place. One man who attempted to escape with a captured child was shot twice by the soldiers. Fortunately the child escaped without injury. The child is now in school. The 15 men that were captured are being dealt with in the usual way. Three were beheaded in public and their heads hung from trees as a warning to others. The rest are awaiting their fate. —"Shanghai Times" Corr.

PARACHUTE JUMP.

UNITES YOUNG LADY'S PARENTS.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 1. A young woman's jump from a parachute was responsible for the reunion and remarriage of her estranged parents. Miss Myrtle Jarboe leaped from a plane, and in the crowd running to reach her landing place was her father and mother. Overjoyed at their daughter's safe descent, her parents made up their differences and married again. —United Press.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1927.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	Level 8' 7" B	Level 8' 7" B
Tytam Bywash	do. 20' 8" B	do. 20' 8" B
Tytam Intermediate	do. Level	do. Level
Tytam Tuk	do. Level	do. Level
Wong Nei Chung	do. 17' 11" B	do. 17' 11" B
Pokfulum	do. 6' 10" B	do. 6' 10" B
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	1926	1927
Tytam Bywash	334.80	330.55
Tytam Intermediate	22.37	2.42
Tytam Tuk	195.90	195.90
Wong Nei Chung	1,419.00	1,410.00
Pokfulum	30.34	11.45
	68.00	51.06
Total	2,118.41	2,010.39

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1926	1927
Consumption	208.24	314.54
Estimated population	405,040	415,360
Consumption per head per day	22.0	25.2
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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	Level 0' 9" B	Level 0' 9" B
Shek Kai Pui Reservoir	do. Level	do. Level
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	352.50	344.71
Shek Kai Pui Reservoir	100.80	100.80
Reception Reservoir		
Total	453.30	445.51

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1926	1927
Consumption	81.78	105.38
Estimated population	158,880	161,920
Consumption per head per day	17.3	21.7
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MANCHURIA'S FUTURE.

REPERCUSSION OF CHINESE STRUGGLES.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Sydney Sun" writes:—

The greatest migration in the world to-day, equal to the great movement of peoples from Europe to the United States when that movement was at its height, except for one or two record years, is now taking place into the vast, unsettled plains of Manchuria. This year practically a million new settlers will shift from overpopulated and war-wrecked Shantung and Chihli into the "Last West" of North Manchuria.

This migration, sad to relate, is being financed largely through the sale of young girls, into the slavery of the brothel in very many cases.

Through the ancient gateway in the Great Wall at Shanhai-kwan and through the modern port of Dairen, are pouring a great multitude, estimated now at 10,000 a month, amongst whom are few young girls, and practically no young men. The girls have been sold, and the youths have been grabbed by the press gangs for one or another of the armies in the field. Middle-aged fathers and mothers, taking with them old parents and young children, form the vast bulk of the northward trek, a flight from certain poverty and almost as certain war into a land where a homestead is to be had for the working of it, and a territory that has known no warfare since the Japanese and the Muscovites grappled a quarter of a century ago.

The governments of the Manchurian provinces are giving a most commendable assistance to the migration. The various railroad lines are assisting in a far-sighted way, charging only a nominal amount for transportation to the able immigrant, and providing free passage for men and women over 50 years old, and to all children under 10 years. The merchant guilds of the various large towns the migrants pass through have provided free soup kitchens, while the various clubs and associations formed amongst the Shantung and Chihli people who have already established themselves, help their fellow provincials in numerous ways.

The newcomers, as a rule, head for the territory lying along the undefined border of Inner Mongolia, where a strange situation is being brought about by them. In many cases they acquire crop-sharing leases on land owned by the various Princes of Mongolia, but while living on Mongolian-owned soil, they are under Chinese jurisdiction, and where they settle becomes Chinese territory.

In some cases barren stretches of Mongolian territory are thus left behind the advancing migration, leaving isolated bits of Mongolia in China, while in other cases a Chinese colony will be formed

well within Mongolia, thus establishing bits of isolated Chinese territory within the borders of another State.

Quite a number of migrants turn eastward, and by way of Kirin, travel towards the Korean border and settle in the many fertile valleys of that mountainous country.

Roadside Tragedies.

This migration of the old and the young is, naturally, accompanied with many tragedies. Once the railroad and the free travel is left behind, and the old commence to perish from the hardships of the trip, the trails of thousands of graves of parents who have given up. Also, with funds pitifully limited, and food scanty, many of the migrants find the burden of caring for their children, especially for the babes in arms, too much. Babies are deserted and left behind in the larger towns traversed by the hundreds. Some mothers, rather than face the risk of their babes not being found and cared for, drop their children from the railroad bridges as the trains cross over rivers. One favourite way of disposing of a baby so that it cannot be overlooked, is to wrap the little one in many folds of newspapers or rags, and drop it on the station platform, as the train pulls out.

So much for the great and often dreadful journey. What of the new land of promise, whose approaches are thus strewn with travail and tragedy?

With a banner crop in sight, estimated at from 30 to 40 per cent. above the best previous record, Manchuria is preparing for a busy autumn and a prosperous winter, if nothing happens within the next six weeks. The "if" covers everything from the appearance of a blight among the beans to invasion or revolution.

All are hoping for the best while continuing to fear the worst. All, with the exception of immediate lieutenants, agree on one thing, however, when discussing the future, and that is that Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian war-lord, has let foolish ambition rob him of his commonsense. Otherwise, he would be in Mukden administering his vast and undisputed territory, and not in Peking, grasping for an unattainable rulership over all China.

"The Marshal has here an empire with a territory as great as France and Germany combined, a land of inexhaustible richness, capable of feeding half the world," commented an American resident. "Why he should risk this great substance to grasp at the shadows of Peking is beyond explanation."

There is debate everywhere in Manchuria as to just what Chang Tso-lin is aiming at. Significance in some quarters is attached to the fact that Chang is now having the old Manchu palace at Mukden refurbished inside and out, with the ancient throne room

of the Manchu dynasty glittering once more, after years of dust and dirt, and neglect, with fresh lacquers and gilt. Some say that this is only to have at least one fine show place in his capital; others hint that Chang has visions of himself upon the old Dragon Throne, and recall that Yuan Shih-kai renovated the Temple of Heaven at Peking for a coronation just before his ignominious fall and sudden death.

None in Manchuria see any hope of an early peace for China; Railway Expansion Policies.

The railroads are hastily preparing for this winter's business, as the farmers must wait for frosts before they can start out with their carts to deliver their grain and beans. The South Manchurian railroad is rushing through the double tracking of its main line between Mukden and Changchun. The Chinese Eastern, free for the moment of its most pressing political troubles, is preparing to call for tenders in August for 2,000 freight cars, and 100 shunting engines. Next year, if all goes well, the line will purchase a large number of new locomotives.

Representatives of German firms are gathered at Harbin to scramble for this business, and according to an American engineer on the ground the contracts will probably go to Germany.

"The European steel combine has put America and England out of business in this part of the world," he states.

The Chinese, independently, are building three new lines, designed particularly to connect the three provincial capitals of Manchuria and make possible future troop movements without dependence upon either Russian or Japanese controlled systems.

This will be a great year for Manchuria, if, as stated, nothing untoward happens. Of course, Chang Tso-lin may decide again to clasp a prohibition upon the export of food stuff, and then, with prices knocked galley west, buy up the harvest with his own fiat money.

That there will be continued warfare, somewhere, either south of the Great Wall or north of it, is the expectation of all. The splendid harvest coming makes that a certainty, because so long as there is money to be raised to keep armies in the field, use will be found for those armies. The Manchurian farmers work from sunrise to sunset, however, in the hope that they will be allowed to retain some of the fruits of their toil, and in the expectation that Japan will not allow whatever wars there may be to extend dangerously into the Manchurian plains.

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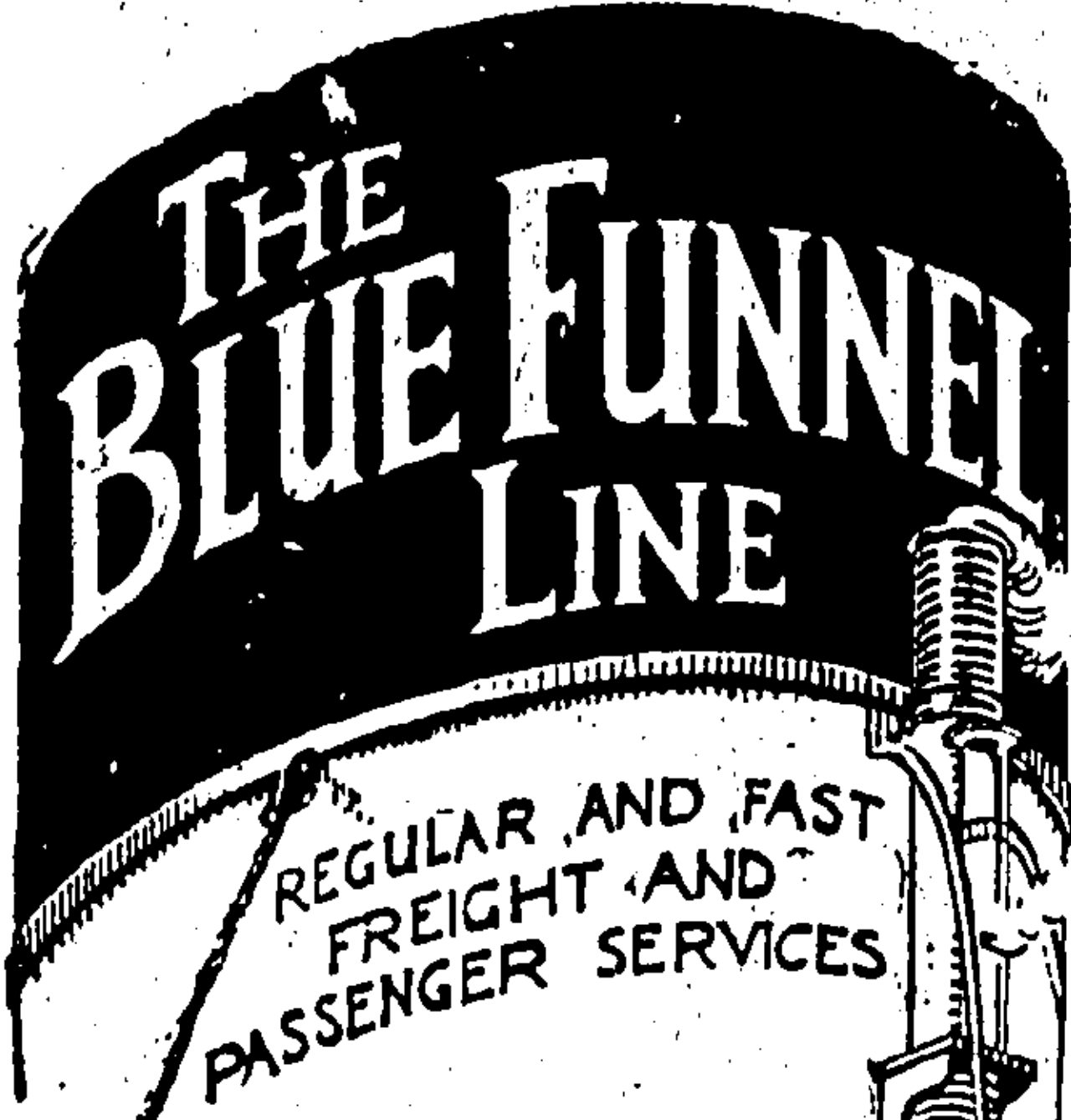
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Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 15th Sept. and parcels 8th Sept.)	13	Macedonia
Shanghai	14	Yinchow.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	14	Malwa.
Straits	15	Delta.
Sunday, October	16	
U.S.A., Canada Japan & Shanghai	16	Pres. Taft.
Straits	18	Fushimi Maru.
Tuesday, October	18	
Japan	20	Aki Maru.
Thursday, October	20	
Australia & Manila	21	Mishima Maru.
Friday, October	21	
Japan & Shanghai	21	Kashima Maru.

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Manila	Emp. of Russia	3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Haidis	3.30 p.m.
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Samshui & Wuchow	Chong On	4 p.m.
Thursday, October 13		
Straits	Van Heutsz	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tijibodas	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Solwen	2.30 p.m.
Macau	Chenchow	3.45 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Macedonia	5 p.m.
Friday, October 14		
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Tean	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon
Macau	Chenchow	3.45 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang	5 p.m.
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Saturday, October 15		
Bangkok	Kwangtung	10.30 a.m.
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Sunday, October 16		
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SWIMS CHANNEL.

London Lady Doctor's Success.

HER THIRD ATTEMPT.

Beats All Records For a Woman Contestant.

London, Yesterday.
Another Englishwoman has swum the English Channel. Dr. Dorothy Cochran Logan, a medical specialist, accomplished the feat to-day in 13 hours 12 minutes. This was her third attempt. Her time is a record for women swimmers, being one hour and 27 minutes less than the time of the American girl, Miss Gertrude Ederle. She is the fourth woman and the 14th person who has swum the Channel. She entered the water at Griniez at 20 minutes to eight yesterday evening and landed at Folkestone at eight minutes to nine this morning.

Doctor Logan uses the pseudonym of Miss Mona McLellan for her swimming, and has always surrounded her channel attempts with secrecy. Her success was a complete surprise, only those accompanying her in a fishing boat and a few of her intimate friends knowing that she was trying again. At one point, though she saw the cliffs of England through a haze, she seemed to be making so little progress that she suggested to those in the boat that she should give up. But her trainer persuaded her to continue and she succeeded to her great delight. — British Wireless Service.

Brilliant Record.

London, Yesterday.
Another English woman has swum the Channel, Miss Mona McLellan who is a Harley Street doctor. She landed at Folkestone at 8.50 in the morning, having started from Cape Griniez at 7.40 yesterday evening. The announcement of her success was the first intimation to the public that she was making the attempt.—Reuter.

Miss McLellan's record swim surprised even her mother. Her landing caused a commotion on the beach, where there were only 50 people. All rushed to her assistance, but she was "as fresh as a lark." Her victory was due to stamina and determination favoured by warm water and brilliant moonlight. She ate only a little sugar and meat extract.

Her real name is Dorothy Cochran Logan, M.D.
She has rendered brilliant service in several hospitals and is now the popular medical officer of King's College Hospital.

This was her third attempt. In her first last year she retired almost unconscious a mile from England after 25 hours in the water. Six months ago she failed seven miles from England after a terrific fight with cross-currents. She wins \$1,000 offered by the "News of the World" for beating Miss Ederle's time.—Reuter.

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NEW NOTE ON TARIFF DISPUTE.

Paris, Yesterday.
The latest American note in regard to the Franco-American tariff dispute was handed in at the Quai d'Orsay this morning and is now being translated.

It is understood it contains nothing new in regard to the basic position as expressed in the previous American note, and merely emphasises certain viewpoints and demonstrates the intention of the United States Government to enter practical conversations. It states its desire to bring the negotiations to a successful conclusion.—Reuter.

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The Dail was crowded at the opening of the new session when a motion was debated for the re-



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election of Mr. Cosgrave as President of the Executive, which was carried by 76 votes to 70 against the opposition of the Republicans and Labourites.—Reuter.

No Alternative Action.
Neither the Opposition parties submitted an alternative motion. Mr. Cosgrave received the support of six Farmers and 11 Independents, while Mr. Redmond abstained from voting.—Reuter.

A DENIAL.

NO INTERVIEW BY DE RIVERA.

London, Yesterday.
Reuter is authoritatively informed that De Rivera did not give a Press interview, verbal or written, on the conversation with Sir A. Chamberlain except a general statement to the Press at Palma.—Reuter.

[Reuter cabled from London on October 9:—
An indication of the tenor of the Chamberlain-De Rivera conversation cabled on October 1 is given by the "Sunday Times" which publishes an interview with their Madrid correspondent with De Rivera in which the latter is reported to have hinted that Spain might withdraw from North Africa while with Britain acting as mediator a very satisfactory Franco-Spanish arrangement might be possible regarding the matter.

De Rivera is quoted as declaring that Spain did not desire to possess Gibraltar.]

CONTROL AT ADEN.

WAR OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR GARRISON.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced in an Army Order that the War Office has assumed direct responsibility for the administration of the military forces forming the garrison of Aden. Military control of Aden was transferred from the Indian Government to the Imperial Government with effect from April 1st.—British Wireless Service.

WELCOME REVIVAL.

British Shipbuilding Increasing.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Nearly Ten Per Cent. Rise in One Quarter.

London, Yesterday.
A revival in shipbuilding is indicated in Lloyds returns for the quarter ended September 30. They show 1,536,000 tons constructing in Great Britain and Ireland, an increase of 146,000 compared with June 30 and an increase of 761,000 compared with 12 months ago.

Tonnage on which work is suspended is only 8,000, compared with 107,000 on September 30, 1926. The present totals are the highest since September, 1922, but are still 354,000 below the average tonnage and building of the 12 months before the war.

Tonnage commenced during the quarter totalled 370,000 compared with 437,000 in the preceding quarter, but tonnage launched was 355,000, an increase of 86,000 compared with the preceding quarter.

Total merchant tonnage now building in other countries is 1,637,000, an increase of 37,000 compared with June 30. The total of world tonnages now constructing has increased by 234,000 compared to the previous quarter but is 372,000 below the highest pre-war record of June 30, 1913.

Tonnage of motor ships constructing in the world is 1,589,000 and of steamships 1,468,000.—Reuter.

OFF TO PARIS.

GIRL'S FLIGHT FROM AMERICA.

Roosevelt Field, Yesterday.
Miss Ruth Elder with Captain George Haldeman as co-pilot and navigator, has started on a non-stop flight to Paris in the aeroplane "American Girl."—Reuter's American Service.

Details.
Miss Elder's aeroplane is a bright yellow monoplane equipped with a small wireless set with a range of 25 miles. A score of ocean liners will be in the path to be followed by the aviators. They will carry sandwiches, coffee, beef tea and fruit. Miss Elder is dressed in golfing attire. Both fliers are also wearing a fur lined one-piece flying suit as worn by army airmen as a protection against cold.

Miss Elder is 23 and an ex-Old Lakeland (Florida) licensed pilot. Her married name is Miss Lyle Womack. The plane carries 520 gallons of petrol, estimated sufficient for 4,400 miles. Both fliers are equipped with rubber suits.—Reuter's American Service.

Flight to Bangkok.
Villa Coublay, Yesterday.
Captain Challe and a mechanic are flying to Rome as the first stage of a flight to Bangkok, which he proposes to reach as early as possible at the rate of 1,500 kilometres daily.—Reuter.

Takes a Ship.
Cherbourg, Yesterday.
Mr. Levine has left for America aboard the "Leviathan."—Reuter.

BRAZIL RUBBER.

MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY FORMED.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced that the Companhia Ford Industrial do Brazil was organised yesterday and will be registered officially on October 13 with a capital of a million dollars. The articles of incorporation indicate that the company intends to plant and refine, manufacture and trade in rubber. It is understood the company holds a concession of nearly four million acres on the Tapao River.—Reuter.

A Ford Project.
Detroit, Yesterday.
In Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, has announced the completion of plans for the development of an American rubber empire in the heart of Brazil. The most modern methods of development will be employed, including the use of aeroplanes. Settlements will be established and communication maintained with Ford plants in the United States by steamships or Ford fast boats. American Service.

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